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MARGINAL COLUMN
By GEORGE LEONOF

ANCIENT India is on the threshold of a brand new experiment which, on the whole, the country seems to be following with a candid but detached curiosity. The Communists have just won control of the southern state of Kerala. Elsewhere, a Marxist mandate over 16 million souls — roughly the equivalent of Czechoslovakia — would have caused quite a flurry. In India, where the figure represents less than 3 per cent of the population, the political precedent has created neither apprehension nor any particular enthusiasm — outside the state of Kerala, that is. And even there the prospect of Communist rule does not appear to have crystallised into anything like a clear pattern in the minds of the voters who brought them to power. Despite the state's boast of the highest level of literacy in the country, Communism seems to mean all things to all men; which is perhaps one reason why a party that claims no more than 125,000 members in a country of 370 millions could win a majority even in little Kerala.

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THE Communist Party of India is, in fact, something of an anomaly. In a country governed, since its independence a decade ago, by the numerous party of a socialist-minded national idol, it must, on the one hand, prove itself more socialist than Mr. Nehru's Indian Congress. On the other hand, it is anxious to demonstrate its dedication to constitutional processes and its ability to govern lawfully. This is particularly important to the Communists on a lonely state level which provided them with little more than a show-window on the sub-continent. And nothing they could achieve in Kerala in the way of agricultural reforms or labour legislation could override the importance of disproving Jawaharlal Nehru's oft-repeated and contemptuous assertions that Communism means the end of the rule of law and the sacrifice of national interests for the aims of a blinkered ideology. Because of this, the Communist Party of India has done nothing in its pre-election campaign which might have antagonized any significant section of the electorate. The farthest it seems to have gone was to advocate nationalization of foreign-owned plantations — a subject over which even affluent Indian landowners could hardly work up more than a couple of principled degrees over 36.7° Centigrade.

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ON the question of land reform generally the party leader, Ajoy Ghosh, preaches a more equitable redistribution of holdings. But at the same time he is for retention of private ownership because, he explains, collective farming is not suited to India, which should aim at rural co-operatives through education of the peasant masses. Politically, Ghosh avows preference for a multi-party system and, in fact, the Communist Party's first act on winning the Kerala state election was to invite the Praja Socialists to share in the Ministry, in which the Communists would nevertheless retain an overwhelming majority.

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WHAT is perhaps more significant, however, is that Ghosh quite likely means exactly what he says. If the Chinese pattern is any indication, the Indian Communists have no intention of going beyond their stated programme.

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CONFINED as they are to the smallest state in India, the Communists would be flirting with nothing short of political suicide on a national scale were they to attempt sweeping dictatorial changes. It is unlikely that Ajoy Ghosh will set the party's sights beyond providing for Kerala, strictly within the constitutional framework, an all-round better administration than the state has had up to now — not an impossible task, though no doubt one which will prove to have seemed easier from the carefree pastures of the opposition. But the Indian Communists have a long way to go, and the road is studded with pitfalls of "rightist deviationism."

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Swiss Gov't Orders Probe into Espionage

BERNE, Tuesday (Reuter). — The Federal Council, Switzerland's seven-man collegiate Government, met for three hours this morning to discuss the espionage affair which led to the suicide of the Swiss Attorney-General, M. Rene Dubois.

A communique issued after the Cabinet meeting said that an investigation has been ordered into the death of Dubois and alegations made against a Federal Police inspector.

The affair concerned the "tapping" of Egyptian Embassy telephone lines at a police listening post and the passing of recorded conversations to the French Embassy.

Dubois was conducting enquiries into the activities of Inspector Max Ulrich of the Swiss Federal Police, when he himself became suspect. Dubois was found shot dead on Sunday morning.

USSR to Free Captive Poles Including Jews

MOSCOW, Tuesday. — Poles serving in the Soviet Army or in Russian prisons will be released and sent home under a repatriation agreement signed between Poland and the Soviet Union here yesterday, the Soviet news agency TASS reported today.

The agreement, published in today's Soviet newspapers, also covers Jews who were Polish citizens until September 17, 1939.

Assistance to Jewish repatriates from the Soviet Union and Jewish emigrants to Israel was discussed at a meeting of the Federation of Jewish Congregations in Poland, according to reports from Warsaw reaching INA.

It was said that there were 1,500 Jewish repatriates in Warsaw alone and their emergency needs evidently prompted the reported meeting. Most of the repatriates are housed in Red Cross hostels, in huts at Wlochy and on the premises of the Jewish congregation in Warsaw, some in the rest home of the Social and Cultural Association of Polish Jews at Srodorobov, near Warsaw.

The Polish Government has been approached for assistance to the repatriates. Questions of Passover observance, including matza supplies, were discussed at the Jewish Federation meeting.

EDOUARD HERRIOT DIES AGED 84

LYONS, Tuesday. — French elder statesman Edouard Herriot died here today aged 84.

Three times Premier, Mayor of Lyons for half a century, and for many years President of the National Assembly, Herriot was one of the outstanding French statesmen of the period between the two world wars and the doyen of the Radical Party.

He entered hospital three weeks ago with a chest complaint. He had been in an oxygen tent since last night.

Edouard Herriot began his career as a teacher and remained a scholar. In 1912, at the age of thirty, he became the youngest member of the Senate. Four years later he became a Minister under Aristide Briand. He was thrown out of office as Premier in 1932 because he insisted that France repay its war debt to the U.S.

He turned against Petain in 1942 and was imprisoned by the Germans. Often considered as a symbol of the Republic, he was one of the few pre-war French leaders who were still revered after the liberation. *(Reuter, UP)*

Narkiss, Head Of Museum, Dead

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mordechai Narkiss, 58, Director of the Bezalel Museum in Jerusalem for 37 years, was buried in Har Hamenuhot yesterday afternoon. He died of cancer early yesterday morning in the Hadassah hospital.

From noon yesterday, a guard of honour stood by the bier placed in the centre of the large sunlit art gallery in the museum. The anteroom was stripped bare of an exhibition of Purim art.

At three p.m. 150 mourners had gathered in the Museum, including the Minister of Education and Culture, Mr. Z. Aranne; the Jerusalem District Representative, Mr. S. B. Yeshaya; the Knesset Speaker, Mr. J. Sprinzak; the British Consul and Mrs. Wilson; the Directors of the Museums at Ein Harod, Tel Aviv and the Haifa Museum of Modern Art, Mr. Z. Effron, Dr. E. Kolb and Dr. F. Schiff, respectively; the Advisor on Art Affairs to the Ministry of Education, Mr. M. Ardon; M.K.'s, Dr. Yigael Yadin, and Jerusalem artists.

Eulogies were delivered by Prof. B. Mazar, President of the Hebrew University, who spoke also on behalf of the Ministry of Education, Mr. M. Kol, of the Jewish Agency Executive, Dr. J. Leron, of the Museum's Board of Trustees, Mr. A. Zisling, of the Israel Museums Association and Mr. I. Ascheim, of the Israel Painters and Sculptors Association.

Kadish was recited at the bier and at the graveside by the deceased's son, Bezalel.

Mordechai Narkiss was born in Poland in 1898 and attended the University of Cracow and the Academy of Fine Arts in Vienna. He settled in Palestine in 1920, when he became the Museum's Director. He was the author of several books on Jewish art and translated books of art into Hebrew.

He leaves a wife, son, daughter and four grandchildren.

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AFTER MIDNIGHT

The U.N. Emergency Force of 2,300 men has completely withdrawn from the inhabited localities of the Gaza Strip except for a Brazilian battalion still in Gaza town, it was revealed last night by a U.N. press release in Cairo.

Russia Ready For Ban on Atom Tests

MOSCOW, Tuesday (Reuter). — The Foreign Ministry announced tonight that Russia is prepared to come to an agreement with the Western atomic powers for the immediate, temporary cessation of atomic and nuclear tests.

The Ministry spokesman Mr. Leonid Ilyichev, told a press conference that the Soviet Union had already proposed an agreement for the total abolition of atomic and nuclear tests.

Today's new proposal was made in view of the fact that the Western powers had not yet responded to the previous one.

Replying to questions, Mr. Ilyichev said the period of test cessation could be fixed by "concrete discussion" between the Powers concerned.

Meanwhile, Japan today formally called on the U.N. to "take speedily effective and appropriate measures for limiting the use of atomic energy exclusively to peaceful purposes and for the total prohibition of production, use and testing of atom and hydrogen bombs."

In a note published in London today, Britain rejected Japanese representations against planned nuclear tests in the Pacific this summer. But she undertook to "examine carefully" any claim for damage or loss said to have been caused by these tests.

The Note added: "It is appropriate to point out, however, that any person who knowingly entered or remained within the danger area would, in the opinion of the British Government, be unable to establish any claim to compensation for any damage or loss which he might incur."

(According to reports from Tokyo, there had been suggestions that a "sit-down party" including fishermen should take a ship to the testing grounds in the Christmas Island area.)

The Note also said: "Firing will not take place under any conditions in which inhabited islands might be in danger from fall-out."

In Tokyo today, four Japanese, all sufferers from the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima in 1945, began an indefinite hunger strike in protest against the forthcoming British tests.

Hiroshima Memorial

The group clustered around the base of a memorial dedicated to thousands of people who lost their lives in the Hiroshima attack, said they would only withdraw when universal agreement banning future nuclear weapon tests had been approved by the U.N.

The British Government refused today to give an assurance that it would not make any more hydrogen bomb explosions after the forthcoming Pacific test pending the outcome of the U.N. disarmament talks.

A former Labour Minister, Mr. Arthur Henderson, urged this in the House of Commons "in view of the widespread concern in Japan."

Mr. R.A. Butler, answering questions on behalf of the Prime Minister, replied "The Prime Minister has made it clear that the Government are not prepared to abandon tests in advance of a comprehensive disarmament agreement which affords proper safeguards and effective controls." *(UP, Reuter)*

Twining Heads U.S. Military Command

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (UP). — President Eisenhower, in a major shake-up of the nation's military command, today nominated the Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. Nathan F. Twining, to be Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.



Gen. Twining

Gen. Twining will assume his new post this summer to succeed Adm. Arthur W. Radford. It will be the first time an airman has held the top military post.

The President also nominated Air Secretary Donald A. Quarles to be Deputy Secretary of Defence.

The President also nominated Under-Secretary of Air James Douglas to be Secretary, succeeding Mr. Quarles; Gen. Thomas D. White to be Air Force Chief of Staff, succeeding Gen. Twining; Adm. Arleigh A. Burke for re-appointment to a second two-year term as Chief of Naval Operations.

The only top service chief not touched in the shuffle was Gen. Maxwell Taylor, Army Chief of Staff.

30 DIE IN U.S. SPRING BLIZZARD

NEW YORK, Tuesday (Reuter). — The great spring blizzard which swept out of the American Midwest today into the Great Lakes region, left in its wake at least 30 deaths.

Property damage inflicted by the blizzard, which deposited up to six metres of snow in drifts in some areas, was expected to run into millions of dollars.

Dramatic rescues from snowbound trains, cars and buses became almost commonplace. Most of the deaths were from accidents attributable to the storm or among snowbound travellers who died before rescue parties could reach them.

U.S.-TUNISIA $5M. AID ACCORD SIGNED

TUNIS, Tuesday (Reuter). — The U.S. will supply Tunisia with $5.5m. aid under an agreement signed by the two countries today.

Negotiations on the aid agreement have been going on between an American delegation and Tunisian authorities since last month. The U.S. will supply $5m. of the aid in goods which Tunisia will sell abroad.

ALBANIAN REVOLT SAID SCOTCHED

MOSCOW, Tuesday (Reuter). — The Soviet Communist Party newspaper "Pravda" said yesterday that an "anti-popular group" which plotted an uprising in Albania "was uncovered in Tirana a short time ago with the help of the local population."

The newspaper accused "the ruling circles of the U.S." of organizing subversion and conspiracies in Albania.

Canada Wants Active Role For UNEF in Gaza

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Tuesday. — Prime Minister Harold Macmillan of Britain and Premier Louis St. Laurent of Canada have reached an agreement on the immediate problems of the Middle East facing the U.N. and on settlement of Suez Canal problems, spokesmen for the British and Canadian delegations said today.

The spokesmen said the Premiers had not discussed the possibility of Canada withdrawing her UNEF contingent.

Canada favours enlargement rather than reduction of the role of the emergency force and is believed in Hamilton to be ready to withdraw troops if the force is confined to patrolling the border of the Gaza Strip.

The Anglo-Canadian conference, an aftermath of earlier talks between Mr. Macmillan and President Eisenhower, has progressed "smoothly and speedily," and a joint communique was expected to be issued later.

Mr. Macmillan, it was said, is anxious to return to London in view of the wave of British industrial strikes and other domestic problems.

The Premiers gave special attention to the results of the talks with President Eisenhower, and also discussed trade, long-term defence plans and North America's future relations with an integrated Europe.

Officer Claims C.O. Gave 'Severe' Orders at Kasim

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Details of the orders allegedly received by Rav-Seren Malinki, who was responsible for the Kafr Kasim area on the eve of the Sinai Campaign, were read yesterday when the trial continued of the 11 men charged with responsibility for the killings, in an Army camp somewhere in Jerusalem.

The statement, parts of which were deleted by agreement of both sides on security grounds, was read in court by the officer who had taken it down.

"On October 29, 1956, between 1 and 1.30 p.m., I was summoned to the War Room," Malinki had stated.

His commanding officer told him to implement three orders regarding the curfew that was to be imposed in Kafr Kasim (and other villages). They were to impose the curfew from 5 p.m. to 6 a.m.; to allow the villagers to do what they pleased within their homes; and to shoot anyone who left his house.

The commanding officer also explained the policy and method to be used.

"What shall I do with a person who returns home after the curfew is imposed and does not know about it?" Malinki said he had asked.

His commanding officer answered: "I don't want any soft-heartedness, and I don't want any arrests made."

"Bearing this in mind, what shall I do?," Malinki said he had asked.

"May Allah have mercy on their souls," came the answer.

The accused said that he was told by (Aluf-Mishne) Shadmi immediately to prepare a draft of the plans based upon the directives he had received.

"I wanted Shadmi to sign the order, so I could have enough time to implement the curfew." The accused stated that he had driven away in order to draw up the draft. He had talked to another officer about the plan which demanded a breakdown of the forces.

"I asked the deputy commander if I should implement the directives without waiting for a final order in writing. He told me yes, implement them. He knew what the directives were.

"I received this confirmation with a heavy heart. After I returned I called my junior officers and informed them of the directives. When I was asked by one of them how to differentiate between a villager deliberately breaking the curfew and one innocent returning form the fields, I told him that when Shadmi had given me the orders I had asked the same questions. I quoted the answer I have given above. I told them that we belonged to the Border Police and that we must protect the honour of the Force and not murder anyone."

The accused went on an inspection trip to see if the orders were carried out in the spirit in which they were given. He was disturbed, for he was unable to approve such an attitude, not even in regard to hostile persons.

He reached Jaljulia after 20 minutes. Here he was informed that a person had been killed in Kafr Kasim. Later he was told by Segen Dehan (another of the accused) that 15 persons had been killed.

"I ordered the fire to be stopped immediately, even if the villagers leave their houses in contravention to Shadmi's orders."

Malinki continued in his statement that he had met another officer who had expressed his horror about the situation in the villages due to the strict order received from Shadmi.

"I told him that I was going to meet the Commander to try and persuade him that the orders were too severe."

Before he could start out to see Shadmi, he received information that more than 30 persons had been killed in Kafr Kasim.

He again ordered an immediate stop to all fire.

"I drove over to my Commander and told him what had happened. He was deeply shocked and said that a terrible thing could happen that night." The accused said he was driven to Kafr Kasim where he gave orders to give aid to the wounded and to collect the bodies. He ordered Dehan to be replaced immediately.

Malinki said he did not know the exact number of dead, but he had heard that it was 51 in Kafr Kasim, with another person dead in Taibe, another one in Tira, and one person wounded in Jaljulia.

After reading the statement, the witness was questioned by Mr. Yosef Ezran, attorney for Malinki. The accused had given his statement of his own free will and had thought carefully before dictating each particular, he said.

Segen-Mishne Moshe Shweig, who is defending five enlisted men, questioned the witness sharply about the testimony collected from these men. He is to continue his testimony today.

Earlier in the hearing Mr. Meir Sperling, director of the Births and Deaths Registry in Petah Tikva, submitted 46 death certificates.

The trial continues from 9.30 this morning.

Bench Finds Halevy Not Disqualified

After two hours and 15 minutes of deliberations, Aluf-Mishne Binyamin Halevi, President of the Kafr Kasim Court Martial, and the two other judges, re-entered the courtroom to state that Aluf-Mishne Halevi had not disqualified himself by speaking to Rav-Aluf Moshe Dayan, the Chief-of-Staff, several days ago.

The prepared announcement, read by Judge Sgan-Aluf Yitzhak Divon, followed the testimony of Rav-Aluf Dayan in Court. It stated that no suspicion of favour to either side existed and the conversation, with the exception of the place of the trial, had dealt with security matters which could not be revealed in open court.

"We are of the opinion that it would have been better had the conversation not taken place," Sgan-Aluf Divon read. However, the conversation had not violated the due process of law nor had justice been perverted.

The session opened promptly in a Jerusalem Army base at 10.30. Rav-Aluf Dayan was called to the stand. He strode into the courtroom, saluted the bench, and took his place

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Dulles: Egypt Can't Claim State Of War; Israel Should Accept UNEF

UN Chief Fails to Budge Nasser

Jerusalem Post Reporter

U.N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold has failed to obtain any modifications in Egypt's policy towards Israel in his talks with Abdul Nasser in Cairo, it was said in official quarters in Jerusalem yesterday.

Abdul Nasser obstinately held to his previous position with regard to the questions of free navigation for Israel ships through the Gulf of Akaba and the Suez Canal, and of U.N. administration in the Gaza Strip. It can be assumed that he also failed to move from his policy of belligerency toward Israel.

It was still a question in Jerusalem last night whether, in view of Egypt's rigidity, Mr. Hammarskjold would come to Israel. By last night he had not informed the Government of his plans. It was made clear to Mr. Hammarskjold before he left the U.S. that if he decided to come to Israel he would be welcome.

Restricting UNEF

On the question of U.N. administration in the Gaza Strip, it has become clear that Abdul Nasser is not prepared to permit UNEF to do more than guard its own buildings and supplies and those of UNRWA. Government sources have been pleased by the Canadian stand with regard to U.N. administration in the Strip. It will be recalled that Mr. Lester Pearson, External Affairs Minister, said recently that if the U.N. force would continue to be hampered by Egypt from carrying out the functions for which it was sent to the Gaza Strip, Canada would withdraw its unit.

Israel sees Abdul Nasser's demand for U.N. troops on both sides of the border as a move designed solely to remove Israel's defence forces from the border and to create a military vacuum for Egypt to mount *fedayeen* operations.

This idea was proposed by Abdul Nasser in 1955 in the form of a demilitarized zone along the border. One official source commented wryly, "He was ready to contribute a certain width of desert but not the cessation of belligerency and belligerent acts."

It is also understood that Mr. Hammarskjold made little progress on the general question of the Suez Canal. Abdul Nasser rejected the proposal to deposit with the U.N. 50 per cent of the tolls collected, suggesting instead that they be placed in a Swiss bank. But such a plan would rule out U.N. control, and is probably unacceptable to the West.

Anti-Hussein Plot Said Behind Syrian Crisis

BEIRUT, Tuesday (UP). — The newspaper "Annas" said today that a Syrian plot to kill Jordan's King Hussein was behind Syria's recent Government crisis.

The newspaper reported that three men were arrested with revolvers, grenades and explosives near Hussein's platform during the Jordan celebrations marking the end of the Anglo-Jordan treaty several weeks ago.

The men confessed they were sent by Syria's secret service, headed by Col. Abdul Serraj.

The paper said Hussein immediately dispatched his Cabinet Director, Bahjat Talhouni, to President Shukri Kuwatly with a violent protest note, threatening to expel Syrian Army units from Jordan and revise Jordan's relations with Syria and demanding an immediate reshuffle of key positions in the Syrian Army.

UK Unions, Owners Accept Wage Court

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — Bids to settle Britain's 11-day-old strikes took a decisive turn today when trade union and employers' leaders agreed to cooperate with a Government-appointed court of inquiry.

This agreement came little more than 12 hours after talks between both sides broke down completely last night on a new wage offer.

Union leaders yesterday rejected an offer of a five per cent rise — half their original demand — and asked for a minimum of seven-and-a-half per cent.

Hammarskjold Has 'Useful' Talks

CAIRO, Tuesday (Reuter). — Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold will leave for New York by way of Beirut tomorrow morning, it was officially announced tonight.

A U.N. spokesman said the talks with the Egyptian Government "have proved useful."

A usually reliable foreign diplomatic source said tonight that the question of passage for Israel ships through the Suez Canal was not yet finally settled but the issue would probably be submitted to the International Court.

The source said that Egypt had clarified her position over UNEF's position, the question of shipping in the Gulf of Akaba, the Gaza Strip, and the Suez Canal issue.

On Suez, Egypt insisted that all ships should pay tolls to her and she would set aside 25 per cent of the revenue for maintenance and improvement of the Canal. Egypt is not likely for the moment to raise any question with regard to the Gulf of Akaba and will not object to UNEF policing that area.

Russia Says Egypt Can Order UNEF Out

MOSCOW, Tuesday (Reuter). — UNEF should leave Egyptian territory "at Egypt's first demand," the Foreign Ministry spokesman, Mr. Leonid Ilyichev, told the press.

Asked for the Soviet Government's attitude to the presence of UNEF in the Gaza Strip, Mr. Ilyichev said:

"As is known, the U.N. troops, with Egypt's agreement, were to ensure the withdrawal of the Israel aggressors from Egyptian territory, including the Gaza area.

"At Egypt's first demand, the U.N. troops, in accordance with the agreement, should leave Egyptian territory.

"However, as can be seen from press reports, attempts have been made and continue to be made to turn the U.N. troops into occupation forces in order to interfere in the internal affairs of Egypt and extort various concessions from the Egyptian Government.

"Various plans for the "internationalization" of the Gaza area and certain territorial waters of Egypt have made their appearance. The U.N. troops can do a useful job if they will help to restore Egypt's rights in the Gaza area."

Wants Court Ruling on Gulf

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (INA). — Secretary of State Dulles told his press conference today he believes that under the Israel-Egyptian Armistice Agreement Egypt has no right to exercise belligerent rights.

He said that this belief was the basis of the 1951 U.N. Security Council resolution to allow Israel passage through the Suez Canal. Mr. Dulles said: "we voted for this principle then and we adhere to it now."

Mr. Dulles said that while the General Assembly could not impose a decision on any nation without its consent, he thought Egypt could not after her consent (to the presence of UNEF) until the purpose of that consent was accomplished. If the mission of UNEF is not completed, he believed, it could not be arbitrarily withdrawn.

Secretary Dulles said it must be recognized that there is a chance of new hostilities if restraint is not exercised by both sides. He said that the UNEF role was not exhausted until and unless there were more assurances that belligerent rights would not be exercised. There was no assurance of tranquillity yet to indicate that the initial mission is accomplished, he said.

Stationing of UNEF on both sides of the Israel-Egyptian demarcation line would be conducive to tranquillity, Mr. Dulles said, noting that it was called for by the February 2 U.N. resolution. He said that he discussed this matter with Foreign Minister Golda Meir when she was here.

Israel's Refusal

Israel's refusal to allow stationing of UNEF on her side of the line was a factor in considering that the original mandate of UNEF might not be exhausted, Mr. Dulles indicated.

Discussing Israel's rights in the Gulf of Akaba, Mr. Dulles indicated that it is the intention of the U.S. to send ships to Eilat through the Tiran Straits, but, he said, it was also important to get a ruling on the legal principle from the International Court of Justice. He said that the U.S. felt it had a right to ship to Israel unless and until a contrary ruling is made by the Court.

Mr. Dulles revealed that he was at present thinking of the idea of seeking advisory decisions on the Straits from the International Court. He said that he would prefer to elicit a decision in this way rather than as a result of an incident.

He made known that there was no agreement at Bermuda on what Britain and the U.S. might do in the event of various Middle Eastern developments. But, he said, it was more likely that there would be a common policy.

Mr. Dulles declared that his overall view on the Middle East was one "of cautious optimism." He said that he had no interim report from U.N. Secretary General Hammarskjold. But he has had some "inkling" from the U.S. Ambassador in Cairo.

Turkish Oil Pipe

Mr. Dulles also said that consideration had been given in the Anglo-American talks in Bermuda to giving an international status secured by treaties to the projected multi-million dollar pipeline to be constructed through Turkey to secure Middle East oil supplies to Western Europe.

Mr. Dulles said the construction of larger tankers was also going ahead as an alternative to the Suez Canal in relation to the transport of oil.

Plans for a new pipeline and for the tankers were being undertaken primarily by private concerns under the impulse of ordinary commercial considerations, he said.

The demand for oil would increase and even if Suez Canal facilities remained fully available they were not going to be adequate, he added.

If it were thought the Suez Canal could not be relied upon to transport the oil there would be added to the commercial factor a political factor which would accelerate these developments.

Diplomatic Front In New York Quiet

By JESSE ZEL LURIE,
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK, Tuesday. — Ambassador Eban flew back to Florida today for a few more days' rest during this interim period while Mr. Hammarskjold is in Cairo and diplomatic activities here are at a standstill.

Reports from Cairo indicate that activity there is also more or less at a standstill. Mr. Hammarskjold is leaving without receiving any concessions from Abdul Nasser beyond agreement to allow the trucking of UNRWA stores from Haifa to Gaza.

Mr. Homer Bigart cables to the "New York Times" from Cairo: "Mr. Hammarskjold is willing to stay through Thursday if he can find something to do. He has seen the Pyramids."

Ambassador Eban interrupted his vacation yesterday in order to fly back here to address the dinner honouring the American industrialist and philanthropist, Mr. I. Rogosin.

Mr. Eban greeted the Israel Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Pinhas Sapir, by quipping: "since he is flying about so much I suspect him of diplomatic ambitions."

Mr. Eban said that the Gulf of Akaba must remain open to international shipping "forever."

He stated that the Gulf would stay open "whether it be through the concerted efforts of the world's maritime nations or by Israel's exercise of her inherent right to protect her shipping."

Rayon Plant

Mr. Rogosin announced that the Israel Government had originally promised to put up $11m. of the $20m. required for the new rayon plant to be built near Haifa, while $9m. was to have been provided by private investors, including $1m. worth of stock for his own firm in return for providing its know-how. Stating that Israel had other uses for its money, Mr. Rogosin announced that $4m. more of the stock had been sold to Americans, reducing Israel's stake to $7m. and he hoped to reduce it still further by getting more investors.

Of his own $6m. stock, Mr. Rogosin intends to give $4m to American and Israel universities, and two Israel *yeshivot*.

Before returning to Florida, Mr. Eban said he would return on Saturday to arrange a conference with Secretary of State Dulles and with the U.N. Secretary-General.

Eshkol, Mollet Discuss Pipeline

By MAURICE CARR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS, Tuesday. — Finance Minister Levi Eshkol said today after meeting with M. Guy Mollet for 30 minutes that the Premier displayed "great interest" in the Eilat-Mediterranean oil pipeline scheme.

Mr. Eshkol was accompanied by the Israel Ambassador, Mr. Ya'acov Tsur. The Israel Minister said that French investments in Israel were among other subjects discussed.

Meanwhile, a deputation of the European Conference of Solidarity with Israel, headed by Mr. Eliahu Dobkin of the Jewish Agency Executive, was received by President Coty, who was presented with a 2,000-year-old vase recently dug up in Galilee.

The Quai d'Orsay spokesman today said that Abdul Nasser's response to the Hammarskjold mission — details of which are awaited — will show whether the Egyptian dictator wants a constant warlike state of tension, that is whether he cares more for his personal prestige and unscrupulous stratagems than the well being and economic development of his people.

He added that "recent history showed what happens to dictators who place their own prestige above the people's welfare."

The spokesman expressed "great satisfaction" at the news that the U.S. will join the military committee of the Baghdad Pact. He explained why the French attitude to the pact has "changed enormously" from initial hostility.

When the pact was originally launched, he said, France warned it would have certain grave consequences. "Subsequent events vindicated the French prediction but the stage has now been reached where what has been done cannot be undone, and in the same way as we now wholeheartedly support the Eisenhower Doctrine, so we also accept the Baghdad Pact."

Asked if France is still concerned to see Syrian and Jordan independence maintained vis-a-vis Iraq — fear of an *anschluss*, it will be recalled, was one of France's objections — the spokesman replied, "No comment."

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The President on Monday received Mrs. Golda Meir, the Foreign Minister, on her return from the U.S.

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Prime Minister Ben-Gurion yesterday received General and Mme. Pierre Billotte. General Billotte also toured Haifa and visited the Kaiser-Frazer factory.

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Monseigneur Jose Sensi, the Apostolic Representative, yesterday paid a courtesy call on Mr. S.B. Yeshaya, the Jerusalem District Representative.

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Dr. R. Hecht, Director of Dagon, will be host to the Haifa Rotary Club at its weekly meeting to be held at 12.30 p.m. tomorrow at the Port terminal silo. He will also address the Club. Dr. Yigael Yadin will lecture on the Hatzor excavations at the Jerusalem Rotary's ladies night at the Y.M.C.A. at 8 p.m.

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Mr. Arieh Ben-Eliezer, Deputy Speaker of the Knesset, will speak, in English, to the Israel and British Commonwealth Association on "Peace, Israel and the Arab people," at the Z.O.A. House, Tel Aviv on Thursday, March 28, 1957, at 8.30 p.m.

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Prof. Jose Luis Romero, of the University of Buenos Aires, will lecture (in Spanish) on "El Espiritu Judio y la Crisis Medieval," under the joint auspices of the Hebrew University and the Central Institute for Cultural Relations with Latin America, in the Lauterman Building on the University campus, at 5 p.m. today. Prof. Romero was the Guest of Honour at a Hebrew University luncheon yesterday.

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BIRTH

LEVI — to Marianne (nee Philippi), wife of Mr. M.W. Levi, Lydda Airport—a son.

Howson, Former UNTA Head, Dies in Geneva

The death has been reported from Geneva on Monday of Mr. Michael Kavanagh Howson, formerly Acting Resident Representative in Israel of the United Nations Technical Assistance Board. He succumbed to a spinal illness at the early age of 37 years.

The Director of the Technical Assistance Department in the Prime Minister's Office has sent a cable of condolence to the deceased's father in Liverpool, England.

Mr. Howson was appointed in October, 1952, as assistant to Dr. Sune Carlson, the first Resident Representative of the U.N. T.A.B. in this country; he became Acting Representative a year later when Dr. Carlson was reassigned to South America. He left Israel in mid-1954 to take up an appointment with the Interparliamentary Union in Geneva.

APPRECIATION

Only an old and mature civilization could produce a Michael Howson. He was youthful, puckish, whimsical, with an irreverent sense of humour, an aptitude for destroying pomposity and that rarest of abilities — the ability to laugh at oneself. He was also a wise human being, an able administrator, an idealist with a firmly held set of values.

As an international civil servant he should, perhaps, have held himself aloof from emotional entanglement with Israel. Yet he grew to have a real affection for country and people and became deeply concerned with local questions of economics, Israel-Arab relations and, most of all, peace in the Middle East.

To him the dream of a world community was no dream but something to strive for, daily.

Less than a year ago, he was struck by a crippling disease and permanently disabled.

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Hebrew U. Lab For Research Council

The Hebrew University is to erect a building on the new campus for the National Physical Laboratories of the Israel Research Council. Under a recent agreement the University undertook to allocate an area of 500 square metres for this purpose.

As early as 1949, when the Research Council decided to establish the Laboratory, it was envisaged that its permanent home would be in the grounds of the University. At that time, however, the University's premises were dispersed all over town, and the new campus existed in blueprints only. The Laboratory, too, therefore had to be housed in provisional premises, and suffered greatly from lack of space.

HELP PROMISED FOR XIRYAT GAT TEXTILES

The Zikit Dyeing Company of Tel Aviv has informed the Ministry of Commerce that it will furnish its services to the projected textile plant in Kiryat Gat at the same price demanded from Tel Aviv firms. The company, which in effect would bear the cost of transport of the textiles from the Lachish area to Tel Aviv, has made the offer so as to assist the new development area factory, the Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

First Profits for Railways

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Tuesday. — For the first time Israel Railways has shown a profit. In January, the IL742,000 revenue exceeded expenditure by about IL25,000.

Passenger traffic yielded IL230,000 (IL72,000 more than in January, 1956), goods transport IL500,000, (10 per cent more than last year), while operating expenses dropped by IL21,000. The IL25,000 profit does not allow for depreciation and interest.

The main causes of the deficit in the operation of the country's railways are the deliberate tariff policy of the Government, which subsidizes bulk consumers' goods and export commodities like cement, phosphates and potash, by fixing freight charges 25-35 per cent below those of road transport.

Rail transport is also less flexible than truck transport in that it cannot always find cargo in both directions. Much of the equipment is outmoded, such as the small 12 to 15-ton goods wagons, many of which are 30 years old. When rolling stock is modernized, the superior traction power of the new Diesel locomotives will be better exploited.

Another bottleneck is the shortness of the by-passes which at 600-metre lengths preclude longer goods trains on the single line. These by-passes are now being extended and a new one added. Some of the old and decrepit steam locomotives are still in use at high maintenance costs.

Other factors making for smaller revenue are the lack of international traffic and the shut-down of railways over the weekend, a major source of income in other countries. However, as development projects are completed and new equipment is put into service, operating efficiency and income may be expected to rise, and operating expenses to fall.

Nersoyan Armenian Patriarch in J'lem

By CHRIS ELIOU

Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan, the Armenian Orthodox *Locum Tenens*, was elected the new Patriarch of the Armenian Orthodox Church in Jerusalem last week, Father Papken Abadian, Senior Vicar of the Armenian Church, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday on his return from the Old City.

H.B. Nersoyan succeeded the late Patriarch Jurech II, Israelian, who died eight years ago. He was appointed as Locum Tenens of the Church two years ago.

The elections were held at St. James Hall in the Armenian Compound, in the Old City by the General Assembly of the Brotherhood of the Armenian Patriarchate. Patriarch Nersoyan received all the 24 votes of the Assembly.

Father Papken Abadian, Senior Vicar of the Armenian Orthodox Church in Jaffa and Father Shahan Seradjian, of the Armenian church in Haifa, crossed the lines from Israel to participate in the elections.

Born in Aintab, Turkey, in 1904, his Beatitude studied at the Armenian Patriarchal Seminary of the Holy Land in Jerusalem, and completed his theological studies in London. He was then ordained priest in 1928, and installed as the Chief Secretary of the Armenian Patriarchate in Jerusalem. Afterwards he was placed in charge of the Armenian churches in Paris and later in North America, returning to the Holy Land in 1955.

He has visited Israel several times and is known for his friendship for the country.

Modern Citrus Packing House to Open

HADERA, Tuesday. — The largest packing house for citrus fruit in the country will be formally opened here tomorrow, according to Mr. Yehiel Lermann of the Israel Fruit Association which built and owns it.

The building covers some 6,000 square metres near the railway station. It was completed by the beginning of the citrus season this year at a cost of IL850,000, and contains the most modern packing equipment. In two shifts its 360 employees can turn out 7,000 cases of citrus.

Where to go

—— JERUSALEM ——

• **Exhibitions:** —
Permanent exhibition at the Department of Antiquities, 26 Rehov Shlomo Hamelekh. New rooms: Prehistory and Israelite period. Educational exhibit: How to arrange small local collections. Special exhibits. New finds from the excavations Nezer and Ein Mallaha, 9-1, 3-5.

Conquest of the Desert. Permanent Exhibition. Daily from 10-1 4-6. On Friday from 10-1 only, closed on Saturday.

1) Purim Exhibition. 2) Paintings and Graphic Works by Max Liebermann, Yosef Israels and Isaac Levithan. 3) Selected Acquisitions, 1946-1956. Exhibit of the month. Candelabrum from a Synagogue in Kfar Hanania. Bronze. III-IVth c. C.E. Loan by Courtesy of the Mariemont Museum, (Belgium). Bezalel, 9-1, 3-5.

1) Oil Paintings by Avigdor Luisada. 2) Oil Paintings by Anatol Gurevitz. 3) Applied Arts and Crafts. Artists' House, 10-1, 4-6.

Works by pupils of the Esther and David Shapiro (Beit Zeirot Mizrahi) School, 60 Rehov Rashi.

• **Meeting:** —
The Jerusalem Municipality's Department of Education invites those who participated in the Adloyada to a get-together at the Municipality Hall at 4 p.m.

• **Tours:** —
Hebrew University Conducted Tour, 10 a.m. Administration Bldg., New University Campus. (Conducted tours in Hebrew Sundays and Thursdays, 11 a.m.).

—— TEL AVIV ——

Italian Specialities. Lunch, Dinner, Soupe a l'oignon. Luky's Bar, 3 Allenby Rd., Tel. 23753.

• **Exhibitions:** —
Tel Aviv Museum Annual Exhibition of "Israel Painters and Sculptors." 10-1, 4-7.

• **Theatre:** —
Habimah, "Anna Frank," 8. Camerl, "Don Juan in Hell," New Hall, 8.

• **Piano Recital:** —
Richard Bakst (Winner of the International Chopin Festival) — All Chopin Programme, 8.30. Z.O.A. House.

—— HERZLIYA ——

• **Theatre:** —
Obel, "3 S."

—— HOLON ——

• **Theatre:** —
Habimah, "Anna Christie," 8.

—— HAIFA ——

• **Theatre:** —
Camerl, "No Time for Sergeants," Arzon, 8.

Belgian Lauds Israel Behaviour on Mt. Sinai

BRUSSELS, Tuesday (INA). — The conduct of Israel military personnel on Mount Sinai set an example to all armies which have occasion to occupy similar sites, declared Professor Gerard Maritte when he spoke on his recent mission to Mount Sinai. Professor Garitte had been charged by the U.N. to investigate Egyptian allegations that Israel troops had pillaged and sacked the celebrated manuscript library in Saint Catherine's monastery in Sinai.

After confirming that he found all installations at the monastery in perfect order and that the Israelis had treated them "with respect and veneration," Professor Garitte underlined that during the whole time of their occupation, Israelis had been on the very best of terms with the monks as well as with the Beduin who lived in the vicinity and to whom they supplied food and clothing.

Former Minister Jacques Basyn, who presided, announced the creation of a Belgium-Israel Association, aimed at promoting and developing relations between the two countries.

U.K. May Permit Newsmen at H-Tests

LONDON, Tuesday (UP). — Supply Minister Aubrey Jones has announced that newspapermen will be allowed to view Britain's forthcoming H-bomb tests — if accommodation can be made available in time. This apparently was the Government's answer to a number of newspaper reports that the British H-Bomb is not yet ready or is not really an H-bomb.

"Subject to our being able to provide at least a minimum of accommodation facilities necessary," Mr. Jones informed the Commons, "it is our intention to make arrangements for some press representation."

Informed sources said Mr. Jones' announcement indicated that Prime Minister Harold Macmillan had overruled an earlier decision by his predecessor, Sir Anthony Eden, not to allow any outsiders at all within sight of the tests.

The first British H-blast is expected some time after April 1.

Mr. Jones announced the new decision under questioning from a Socialist M.P., Mr. Marcus Lipton, who cited the adverse press comments about the H-bomb.

DOCK. — Japan's leading steel producer and shipbuilder, the Japan Steel Tube Co., has announced plans for a £2m. dock capable of accommodating ships of up to 130,000 tons. The company anticipates an age of giant tankers in view of the Suez developments.

Shoppers in Tel Aviv Refuse Brown Sugar

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Retail grocers here have turned over unredeemed coupons for about 3,500 kilograms of sugar to the Merchants Association until white sugar is available, Mr. I. Shlosky, Secretary of the Association, told *The Jerusalem Post* today.

During the last two months, grocers have been taking white sugar out of their unrationed supply to provide the 200 extra grams of sugar allowed in place of 300 grams of jam, Mr. Shlosky stated. They are now being offered brown sugar instead. This is unfair to customers who waited until later in the month to take their rations, and then found only brown sugar available because the white had disappeared from the market.

Mr. Shlosky stated that whereas most storekeepers refuse to accept brown sugar in place of white, there are occasional individuals who prefer it, claiming it is more healthful. The Association is hoping the unredeemed February coupons will be honoured by the Government in April, at which time it is expected there will be a plentiful supply of white sugar.

In a list of further complaints to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the Merchants Association charged that retailers' profit on coffee has been brought down from 1.100 per kilo to 900 pruta per kilo, since the wholesaler-processor of the green coffee beans is now getting a larger share of total profit.

The Association is also charging that retailers are being deprived of their just share in the profit on milk because Tnuva is marketing milk through dealers instead of direct to shops. Representatives of the Association claim that the same milk dealer who is getting approximately 30 to 35 pruta on each bottle he leaves at the door, is also absorbing another 10 pruta on each bottle he delivers to stores, thus cutting the retailer's profit.

U.N. Should Control Panama and Suez

CHICAGO, Tuesday (Reuter). — Democrat Representative James Roosevelt proposed last night that the U.S. offer to turn over control of the Panama Canal to the U.N. providing that Egypt did the same with the Suez Canal and the Gulf of Akaba.

Mr. Roosevelt, son of the late President, told an Israel Bond dinner on Sunday night: "We cannot expect one nation to agree to give up its sovereign power unless we are willing to do the same thing."

He also suggested the establishment of a U.N. agency through which all aid to the Middle East would be channelled. "We should offer Russia to send all our aid through that authority provided Russia does the same thing," he said. "This would remove any suspicion on either side that the other side was entering a cold war struggle whereby one would try to outbid the other for friends."

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

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EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

JERUSALEM: Dr. Romanov, 11 Arlosoroff, 61217. Dr. Steinitz, Princess Mary Ave., 5766. Dr. Shur, 45 Rashi.
TEL AVIV: Dr. Shaham, 1 Syrkin, 25642. Dr. Levitan, 100 Ben Yehuda, 26507. Dr. Griffel, 8 Ben Yehuda, 23486. **JAFFA:** Dr. Weinberg, 4 Rehov 65.
HAIFA: Dr. Sherman, 2 Hanevi'im, 3434. Dr. Ludwig, 34 Shivat Zion, 67417.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
822, 340, 45.9 & 33.3 M.

News. Hebrew: 6.35, 7.00 a.m. 1.30, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00, 11.00 p.m. **English:** 1.45 p.m. **French:** 2.00 p.m. **Arabic Programme** (including News), 8.00 a.m. 2.15, 6.00 & 11.05 p.m.

6.00 a.m. Morning Programme (Haifa only). 6.30 Religious Service (R). 6.37 Callisthenics. 6.47 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Morning Melodies (R). 9.00 Close Down.

12.00 Music at Noon — Frankie Laine (Vocalist) (R). 12.30 "From the Concert Hall": Spohr: Clarinet Concerto in F-minor (Soloist: Frans Hammerla); Suk: Serenade in E-flat-major (Conductor: Vaclav Talich). 2.00 Close Down.

4.00 Request Programme. 4.30 Wild Bill Davis & his Trio. 4.45 "Hebrew Language Corner." 5.05 Weekly Talmud Lesson. 5.30 Youth Corner. 7.15 We Present Tonight. 7.18 Ron-Ami. 7.35 Talk by Shulamit Katzenelson. 7.50 Cantoral Requests. 8.15 Farmers' Corner. 8.30 Karel Klein (Piano) Brahms: Variations on a Theme by Paganini. 8.55 Bible Reading — Yeshayahu — Chap. 5. 9.15 Newsreel. 9.30 "Three in a Boat." 10.00 Daily Hebrew. 10.05 "Literary Corner." 10.20 Evening Tunes, presented by A. Rafaeport. 11.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
407, 480, 215, 48.9 & 33.3 M.

English News: 10.00 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (33.3, 48.9 & 480 M.): 1.45 David Oistrakh (Violin). 2.15 Close Down.

5.30 Programme for Yemenites. 5.45 Hebrew Lesson for Beginners. 6.00 Classical Music Requests. 7.00 Yiddish. 7.30 Ladino. 8.00 News in Easy Hebrew. 8.10 Persian. 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45 Hungarian. 9.00 Interval. 9.30 French. 10.30 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.3 M.): **Programme to South Africa:** 6.30 News. 6.45 Musical Medley. 6.55 "Kol Yerushalayim" — A Hebrew Lesson. 7.08 News in Yiddish. **Programme to U.K.:** 11.30 News. 11.40 "The Arabs in Israel" — A monthly report, produced by Yehuda Lev. 12.00 Musical Medley.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 225 & 228 M.): 6.00 Opening. 6.02 Request Favourites. 6.30 Pleasant Tunes. 7.00 News. 7.10 "Library for the Soldier." 7.35 Excerpts from Operas. 8.00 "Among the Flags." 8.30 The Army Orchestras. 9.00 News. 9.10 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (13.85, 16.58, 16.92, 19.43 M.): 6.30-7.00 p.m. News. News Talk. Youth Magazine.

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Hagana Exploits In New Army Book

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The story will be told shortly for the first time of many secret exploits of the Hagana, when a book called "Secret Assignments" is published by Ma'arachot, the Army publishing house.

Sgan-Aluf Gershon Rivlin, of Ma'arachot, told military correspondents today that the book, written by Monia Mardor, will include the story of the Patria sinking, the blowing up of the I.P.C. pipeline, and "acquisitions" of arms from British supply trains.

The most dramatic story is probably that of the sinking of an Egyptian cargo ship loading Czech arms in an Italian port. The arms were later floated and sent on another boat to Egypt, but the vessel was overtaken in the Eastern Mediterranean by the Navy and the arms were directed to Israel. A chapter in the book is devoted to the story of shipping arms from Czechoslovakia during the War of Independence.

Ma'arachot's plans for the immediate future include the publication of a book on the defence of the Old City of Jerusalem written by Aharon Altshuler, one of its defenders. The story of the Givati brigade will form a whole volume by Rav-Seren A. Ayalon.

Poetry Anthology

Next year Ma'arachot are planning to publish an anthology of Jewish heroic poetry from the Bible to present times, and an album of about 500 to 700 pictures on the story of the Israel Defence Forces.

Another venture which will reach the bookshops shortly is a series of books for the young reader. The first three titles in this series deal with the making of arms under the noses of British police; the adventures of a boy lost between Abu Gosh and Jerusalem; and a story with Massada for background by a girl of 17.

A book of military hygiene, published by Ma'arachot last week, was sold out by subscriptions before it could reach the bookshops, Sgan-Aluf Rivlin said. A second edition is in preparation.

Robert Henriques' book "100 Hours to Suez" will appear in a Hebrew translation within a month. The translation was ordered by Ma'arachot, but the editors later transferred it to another publishing house, Ma'arachot being too busy to do it.

Israel News Film Studios Merge

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Though Carmel Newsreels and Herzliya Studios had now merged to produce newsreels, this type of film-making in Israel suffers a constant deficit, Mrs. M. Klausner Brandstatter of Herzliya Studios, an initiator of the merger, told the Press on Monday. The newsreel company is now named Carmel-Herzliya.

To make a newsreel costs IL3,000. From the cinemas the newsreel film distributors receive IL750, and from advertising firms another IL1,000, Mrs. Klausner Brandstatter said. Other income accrues from sale of newsreels to foreign companies, but that was only made possible when Israel produced sport news films. Jewish organizations abroad also bought reels of local events.

The fact that advertising had to be relied on to cover some of the deficit lowered the standard of newsreels, Mr. N. Axelrod of Carmel Films stated. He wanted the Government to investigate the position of the newsreel film companies and set the price for screening.

The first two newsreels of Carmel-Herzliya film distributors termed a great improvement over previous Carmel Newsreels, both in content and clarity. The comenentary is by Mr. Azaria Rappaport.

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24 Dancers to Go To Moscow

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — A group of 24 dancers will represent Israel at the Festival of Democratic Youth in Moscow in August, the Committee of Zionist Pioneering Youth Movements and Arab Youth in Israel has announced. The Committee is sponsored by Mapam and the Communist organizations here.

A panel of six jurymen including Gertrud Krauss, Gurit Kadman and Ze'ev Havatzelet, judged a contest among 13 groups of seven dancers each, who performed at the Hatzair Club in North Tel Aviv. A similar contest will be held at Oranim near Haifa next Sunday.

Cinemas

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EDISON: Baby Doll, 2nd week.
ORGIL: "Bandido".
ORION: You Can't Run Away from It.
ORNA: Teenage Rebel.
RON: Your Devoted Blake, 2nd week.
STUDIO: The Browning Version, 4th week.
TEL OR: The Big Combo.
ZION HALL: The Adventures of Giacomo Casanova.

TEL AVIV
At 3.30, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.

ALLENBY: Sincerely Yours, 2nd week.
ARMON DAVID: Pl...fff. Matinees: Little Red Riding Hood.
CHEN: "Folies Bergeres," 3rd week.
EDEN: Shree 420, 13th week.
ESTHER: I'll Cry Tomorrow, 5th week.
MIGDALOR: 20,000 Leagues under the Sea, 3rd week.
MOGRABI: The Shrike.
ORION: I Died a Thousand Times, 2nd week.
OPHIR: Oklahoma, 3rd week.
SHDEROTH: The Seven-Year Itch.
TAMAR: Rock, Rock, Rock. Matinees: continuous show from 9.45 a.m.
TCHELET: Casanova's Big Night, 2nd week.
YARON: "La Strada," 4th week.
ZAFON HALL: RICHARD THIRD. First performance starts at 7 sharp. Second performance at 9.30 sharp.
ZAMIR: "Donno Proibito," 5th week.

HAIFA

AMPHITHEATRE: Between Heaven and Hell.
ARMON: "L'Homme et L'Enfant."
ATZMON: Bad Day at Black Rock.
EN DOR: State Secret.
GAL OR: Make Haste to Live, 2nd week. Matinees: Frogmen.
MAY: The Desperate Hours.
MORIAH: Young at Heart.
ORAH: Autumn Leaves.
ORION: Storm Fear.
ORLY: Obsession.
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Russians Have Eye On Wimbledon Titles

MOSCOW, Tuesday (Reuter). — The Soviet Union, admitted to the International Lawn Tennis Federation last July, may nominate players for the Wimbledon Championships this year.

A decision will be made later by the Sports Committee. The question was whether the best Russian players were near enough to world standards to benefit fully from the experience they would gain. But even if they decided against entering this year, the Soviet Union would certainly enter in the near future.

The Russian drive to improve their tennis, with a triumph at Wimbledon as their goal, is being tackled with striking earnestness. It is based on careful, long-term planning, though the Russians are under no illusions about the difficulties involved.

Lenin Stadium will be the venue of Russia's first major international lawn tennis tournament, to be held from July 29, to August 8. The world's top tennis players have been invited to this "Moscow Wimbledon," which is being held in connection with the World Youth Festival.

Manchester U. Lose To Bolton, 2-0

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — Manchester United, who are chasing the treble of the English League Championship, F.A. and European Cups slipped last night when they were beaten 2-0 by Bolton Wanderers.

Bolton are the first team this season to beat United twice in League matches. They won the first match, in November, by an identical score.

A capacity crowd of 60,862 saw a sluggish United side in the first half. They improved after the interval, and were unlucky not to score.

Manchester United now hold a three points lead, with one game in hand over nearest rivals Preston North End.

Trevor Ford Joins Dutch Club

THE HAGUE, Tuesday (Reuter). — Trevor Ford, Cardiff and Welsh international centre-forward, has signed a contract with the Dutch First Division soccer club P.S.V. Eindhoven, according to Dutch newspaper reports. Ford got nearly £70,000 in transfer fees in Britain, where he has played for Swansea, Aston Villa, Sunderland, and Cardiff.

Earlier this month he won his appeal against suspension by the English F.L.

Under the rules of the Royal Dutch Football Federation, he cannot play League games before September, but he will probably make his debut for P.S.V. on May 3, in a friendly match against Lokomotiva (Zagreb).

ABOMINABLE. — Mysterious tracks which might belong to the "abominable snowman" have been reported in the Soviet Union, in the Pamirs and in the mountains of Khingan, — according to a Russian scientist broadcasting on Moscow Radio yesterday.

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3½% War Loan 54/58	95
Pal. Bearer Bds. Ser. 3	92
5½% Tavei Dollar z) y)	75¾
4 % Ser. Sterling "A"	90¾
Pal. Elec. pref. sh. (Ldn.)	260
6½% Bonds 57/64 f)	104½
ditto g)	107¾
Koors Haycsed 6½ % Deb. 58/65 f)	100½
ditto g)	100½
Igroth Lad. 6½ % Deb. 58/62 f)	96
Rassco 6½% Deb., 58/64 Class "A" f)	101
Class "B" g)	102¾
Bk. Leumi ord. sh.	136
Bearer Savings Cert.	95¾
A.F.R. Investmt.	75
4½-6% Conv. Deb.	97½
ord. sh. "B" reg.	91
Gazit ord. sh. "B" reg.	144
Ellern's Inv. ord. d)	87½
P.E.C. Inv ord. "B" reg	74½
Gen. Mortg. Bk. ord sh.	85
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Nir 5% prs. sh.	75¾
Paas 4% debs.40/64 reg.	79½
"Tuva" 5% debs.	61¾
Afr. Pal Inv. ord sh.	85¾
I.L.D.C. ord. sh. reg.	78½
5 % debs.	80½
Rassco 6% pref ord sh.	85
Ata ord "B" sh.	69¾
6-8% con. debs.	82¾
"Kardanch" ord. "B"	91¾
7% con. debs. 58/63	79½
Moller-Dee ord. sh. reg.	750
Pal.-Brewery 8% con. debs.	80
Assis Bejerano "B" sh.	96
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MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

Civil Defence Law—1951
Notice of Civil Defence (Haga) Manoeuvres

By the power vested in me under para 1 of the Civil Defence Law—1951, I hereby announce that Haga and Auxiliary Corps exercises will take place in the Haifa district on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 26 and 27, 1957, between 4 a.m. and midnight.

Manoeuvre Boundaries:
A. The area of the city of Haifa.
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Today's Postbag

The Weather

FORECAST: Fair.

	A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	76	8	18	20
Tiberias	71	14	21	26
Haifa Port	69	12	20	21
Natanya	72	12	20	21
Tel Aviv Kirya	67	11	20	21
Tel Aviv Port	80	12	19	20
Lydda Airport	68	8	22	23
Jerusalem	60	9	18	20
Beersheba	34	8	24	26
Eilat	30	14	29	31
Sdom	—	15	—	30

A) Humidity at 8 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

ARRIVALS

Mr. Hillel Dan, Managing Director of Solel Boneh, by Swissair from a business trip to U.S.

TWENTY TONS of bromine were exported to Poland this week on an urgent order from the Polish Government. This is the first consignment to Poland, and the fourth such consignment to be sold by the Dead Sea factory abroad.

Unloading of Toft at Eilat Speeded

The Brigitte Toft, the largest freighter ever to anchor in Eilat, tied up yesterday morning at the new cargo jetty, occupying the berth vacated by the Caterina Madre a few hours earlier. The latter sailed for East Africa with 950 tons of cargo, including 800 tons of cement, the Ministry of Development spokesman announced.

The first shift of stevedores working on the Toft managed to unload 210 tons from three hatches, making the turnabout target of two weeks for the 3,500-ton ship a likely achievement. Today work will begin on a fourth hatch. After unloading, the Danish freighter is to take on 1,700 tons of bagged potash, and 1,800 tons of other commodities and sail for Colombo, Ceylon. She will be back in a month with a cargo of rice.

Meanwhile, the convoy of several dozen trucks carrying equipment for the unloading of the Toft and some of the cargo consigned by the Caterina Madre finally arrived after being held up on the way. Among the equipment were four lighters of 80 tons capacity, two cranes and a motorboat, all from Tel Aviv Port.

Dutch Labourites Visit Haifa

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The Dutch Labour delegation visited Haifa as guests of the Labour Council today.

In the morning the visitors went down to the port to watch the arrival of immigrants. They saw Jewish Agency officials register the newcomers, assign them to their new homes and send them off, provided with household essentials and food for several days. The delegates talked with some of the immigrants.

This evening the delegation members were the guests of honour at a Council reception at *Beitenu*, the Histadrut Centre.

Meanwhile, INA reported from Dusseldorf yesterday that a six-man delegation of West Germany's powerful Trade Union Federation, headed by the National Chairman, Mr. Willi Richter, is scheduled to fly to Israel on Thursday for a two-week visit at the invitation of the Histadrut.

600 Immigrants Land From Two Ships

HAIFA, Tuesday. — As the 440 immigrants, most of them refugees from Egypt who came on the s.s. Hermes last night, came ashore this morning, another ship, the s.s. Filippo Grimani, arrived with 139 more newcomers.

All the newcomers were immediately dispersed to development areas, agricultural settlements and kibbutzim all over the country.

This week another two ships are due with immigrants. The total of newcomers this month will be about 8,800.

Opposition Says Yahav Is Cover for Income Tax Hike

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Opposition speakers launched an unqualified attack in the Knesset yesterday against the proposed extension of the Yahav Magen (Defence Levy), asserting that it was merely a cover for an income tax increase which would weaken the economy.

The vote on the bill is scheduled for today.

Meanwhile, the Government coalition had decided to raise the Yahav Magen by IL8m. only, it was learned yesterday from Government sources. Originally Finance Minister Levi Eshkol had hoped to raise IL55m. by this tax, an increase of IL15m. over the IL40m. in the present year. The proposal to levy only IL8m., and the resulting lower rates, will be considered by the Knesset Finance Committee.

Mr. Yohanan Bader (Herut) said the Yahav Magen was being converted into a means for financing the Government's budget and not as an emergency measure. He attacked the proposed reduction of the personal deduction for the Yahav to IL950 as compared to the IL1,050 for income tax.

Mr. Yosef Saphir (General Zionists) charged that the Government, by imposing additional taxes, was reducing the incentive to work and invest and was thus endangering the whole economy. At least one third of the taxpayers would now be paying higher taxes, he said.

An unhealthy economy could not absorb a large number of immigrants, said Mr. H. Arlav (General Zionists) and excessive taxation would create such an economy. He called on the Government to set an example in drastic retrenchment by cutting a great deal more than the present IL10m. reduction from its budget.

Defending the bill, Messrs. Israel Kargman and Avraham Harzfeld (Mapai) said that the increasing needs of immigration and absorption meant increased taxes.

Mr. Moshe Kelmer (Hapoel Hamizrahi) thought that an error had been made in combining the collection of the Yahav with that of the income tax, since taxpayers would not then feel the reductions that had been made in the income tax.

Mr. Hanan Rubin (Mapam), while supporting the Yahav, called for a 2½ per cent reduction in the minimum rates and a 2½ per cent increase in the maximum rates. He charged that Government food subsidies were in effect imposing an additional tax by keeping down cost-of-living increases.

Mr. Yeshayahu Foerder (Progressives) said there was no doubt that the Yahav was an increase in the income tax. He declared that the limit had been reached and that his party would be unable to support any further increases in direct taxes in 1957/8. A marginal tax rate of 72 per cent was "impossible," he said.

The Yahav Magen bill extending indirect levies (on radios, telephones, electricity, beverages, etc.) which passed its final reading on Monday night, does not include the section in the original draft authorizing the Finance Minister to increase the rate of the levy on electricity bills. This section was eliminated by the Finance Committee.

The Knesset last night passed a third reading of the Bill on Claims of the Victims of the Holocaust, which regulates the activities and fees of restitution claims agents.

Little Taxes And How They Grow

The "History of Taxes in Israel" was outlined by Dr. Y. Bader (Herut) in the Knesset yesterday as follows: A tax is first imposed for one year, it is then extended for another year and it then becomes a permanent tax.

A second formula is to establish a separate tax, then make it an addition to some accepted tax, subsequently integrating it entirely "thereby making room for creating an additional tax."

Yet another system, said the irrepressible Mr. Bader, is to establish a small tax "which no one can object to," then increase it from year to year "like a eucalyptus tree."

President at Planting of Jerusalem Forest

Jerusalem Post Reporter

More than 70 generations have lived in Jerusalem since its destruction. None of them — Romans, Byzantines, Arabs, Crusaders, Turks — did anything to make it alive and green with trees, and it remained for us to begin this work, President Ben-Zvi declared yesterday afternoon at the first planting in the Jerusalem Forest, on the slopes of Mount Herzl.

The belt of trees which is planned for this forest will set the tone of liberated Jerusalem, the President declared.

The Mayor, Mr. Gershon Agron, told the more than 300 participants in the ceremony that he had turned down an invitation to attend the laying of a cornerstone for a new synagogue in order to be present at the planting. To justify his decision, the Mayor quoted the Jewish saying that if you have a chance to plant a tree and even if someone calls you to see the coming of the Messiah, you should go and plant the tree.

The Jerusalem Forest, to comprise more than 1,000,000 trees, will extend over an area of 4,000 dunams at the western approaches to the Capital, Mr. Yosef Weitz of the Jewish National Fund Board of Directors revealed. A main road beginning in the Sanhedria quarter and running to Mount Herzl will be built through the forest, which will be enclosed by a wall with seven gates opening to various quarters of the city, Mr. Weitz said.

ECONOMY BODY FOR LOCAL GOV'T

An "economies committee" has been appointed by the Minister of the Interior, Mr. Y. Bar Yehuda, to submit proposals for economies in the expenses of local authorities.

Mr. Y. Basho, Director-General of the Ministry of Interior, is the committee's Chairman, and members include Mr. P. Rashish, the Mayor of Petah Tikva; Deputy Mayors of Tel Aviv and Haifa; Mr. Y. Bergman, the Haifa District Representative; and Mr. S. Rotenberg, Financial Adviser of the Ministry of Interior.

'Scandals of Clochemerle' Re-enacted in Tel Aviv

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The Municipality's plan to set up public conveniences for men in many parts of the city has met with unexpected opposition in Masaryk Square where discord over the matter has been as sharp as anything the village of Clochemerle ever saw.

On Sunday, Municipal workers started to erect the structure under a palm tree in the Masaryk Square park, telling delighted neighbours that they were building swings for the children. However, one resident checked with the Town Hall only to be told the truth. The word spread, and that night the enraged neighbourhood turned out in force to tear down the offensive building.

Yesterday, the Municipality brought a lorry load of cement pillars to rebuild and reinforce the structure. But all the foreman's pleas that the building would be a welcome amenity in the neighbourhood were rejected, and housewives refused to allow the men to unload the pylons.

Three hours later, the police persuaded the angry crowd to allow the unloading. However, work was not resumed.

A cold war raged on today, with neighbourhood women on guard to make sure that no work was done, a Municipal inspector to see that the equipment was not touched, and police patrolling the area just in case trouble began.

Happiest today were the park's children who rolled in the sand and threw stones brought for the builders; there had been many requests to the Municipality for a sand heap where the children could play.

The Tel Aviv Public Works Department intends to set up "that type of building" in Masaryk Square and throughout the city as planned, a spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* today. The architecture of the urinals is aesthetic and they will be so built so that there will be no odour, he said. Many letters had been received demanding more public lavatories in the city, he added.

The Mayor, Mr. Haim Levanon, visited the site this evening. He said work on the urinal would continue. "Do these people expect us to build such conveniences on the roofs?" he asked.

Speaking for the opposition Mrs. Esther Greenwald, a Masaryk Square resident, told us today, "We will not allow that building to be set in our lovely little park. It will spoil the view... Besides, I am sure it will cause a stench, and it is not good training for our children who play in the park throughout the day," she said.

OLLENHAUER GOES

Dr. Erich Ollenhauer, the leader of the Social-Democratic Party in West Germany left for home together with his wife by SAS yesterday after a one-week visit here as the guest of the Government and Mapai.

The visitors were seen off by Mr. Y. Ilsar, Deputy Director of the West European Division of the Foreign Ministry, and Mr. B. Avriel, M.K.

Work Plans, New Arrivals Linked

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Opening the debate in the Knesset last night on the budget of the Ministry of Labour, the Minister, Mr. Mordechai Namir, stressed the close connection between the anticipated arrival of 100,000 immigrants this year and the problem of unemployment and work relief.

He said that three-quarters of the immigrants would be from Europe and Egypt, and the remainder mainly from other North African countries. He estimated that the immigrants could include about 26,000 wage-earners, of whom about 23,000 would need the assistance of labour exchanges.

Mr. Namir revealed that there were grounds for believing that there would be a jump in immigration in May and June, perhaps even next month, with 10,000-12,000 newcomers arriving each month. He was not in a position to give the reasons for this. But the problems this would entail in the way of making housing and work available could be imagined, he said.

Although, in general, work relief projects were concentrated in development areas, and the projects were of such a nature that they would be have to be undertaken sooner or later in any case, an exception would have to be made this year, Mr. Namir said. The present arrivals include a considerable proportion of skilled workers who are needed in the coastal strip, and work and housing would have to be found for them there. The Ministry was planning to set up a special employment centre to serve these skilled workers.

Mr. Namir said that from the statistical point of view the rate of unemployment in 1956 had not been alarming. It had ranged from 3-5 per cent of all wage-earners. The average daily number of unemployed last year was 12,600, as compared with 11,200 in 1955 and 13,750 in 1954.

On the economic value of work relief projects, Mr. Namir said that the instances in which it was necessary to give unemployed unproductive work were the exceptions; most of the projects were planned in conjunction with development programmes and had a lasting value. Critics of the type of work done did not have any alternatives of their own, so long as it was agreed that immigration must continue.

Mr. Namir said that the bill providing for national labour exchanges would soon be discussed by the Cabinet, and he hoped that it would be passed by the Knesset by the middle of the year.

With regard to unemployment insurance, Mr. Namir said that many Histadrut leaders were opposed to it and sceptical of its practicability in Israel, and that this was also the view of the National Insurance Institute. These people feared that unemployment benefits would have an adverse effect on the willingness of new immigrants to accept work offered to them. Proponents of unemployment insurance, on the other hand, pointed to the fact that there are not enough jobs, even relief jobs, for those that want them, and that society must accept the responsibility.

Mr. Namir thought the solution might be some "original Israel plan" combining a minimum number of days of relief work plus financial assistance, with the latter being payable only to unemployed who had had a certain minimum of paid employment.

The Government had not yet dealt with the problem, Mr. Namir said, but he personally felt that such a plan was practical and desirable.

'Political Firing' Claimed in Haifa

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The 12 men who were dismissed from the Refineries as security risks, earlier this month, have appealed to the Knesset and the Histadrut Executive against their dismissal. They claim that they are victims of "political firing." When they received notice they were informed that they were being sacked on orders of the Defence Ministry, under defence ordinances.

The dismissed men include eight Jewish and four Arab workers, who had been employed at the Refineries from six to 12 years. The majority of them are known for their extreme leftist opinions.

The men charge that their dismissal had been initiated by the Labour Council in order to discourage the Refinery employees from voting Left in the forthcoming Works Committee elections. The present committee has a Mapam majority, while in the previous committee the majority was shared by Mapam and the Communists.

Jerusalem Haga Try Out Year's Intensive Training

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem's civil defence wardens yesterday had an exhausting day putting into practice the textbook knowledge which had been drilled into them in the course of a year of intensive Haga training.

The civil defence exercise, consisting of four distinct alarms, was limited to the Rehavia quarter of the city, but most of the Haga personnel were given a chance to participate. Cooperation on the part of the public was good, and only one person was arrested and one bus driver given a ticket for failing to comply with instructions during an alert.

The big attack of the day was on the half-finished Supreme Religious Centre. At 2.28, the first shots were heard in the vicinity of the eight-storey edifice. The sirens — sounded purposely a few minutes after the attack began — heralded the actual bombing, both from high explosives and incendiaries.

Traffic Blacked

By 2.32, police had blocked off traffic on Rehov King George. It took them one-and-a-half minutes from the time the alarm was given over walkie-talkie radio to arrive from the Russian Compound.

At 2.40, a handcart fire-extinguisher arrived on the scene and stirrup pumps went into action on the fires. Sand, thoughtfully left by the builders near the site of the biggest blaze, was quickly put to use.

At 2.46, a Municipal fire-engine appeared, sirens blaring, and within two minutes was pumping water onto the fires. Haste, inexperience and a leaking hose left several of the amateur firemen soaked to the skin.

The first ambulance dashed up to the smoke-shrouded building at 2.50. Eight medics poured out, dashingly attired in British-style tin helmets and equipped with stretchers.

An attempt was made to tend to the more serious cases first, but since the only marks on the battered bodies were little tickets saying "broken right big toe," "light nose-bleed," "cerebral haemorrhage" and "fractured spinal column" — nearly 40 cases were scattered throughout the building — it proved rather difficult. The first stretcher cases were placed on the ambulance only at 2.58.

Hook and Ladder

At 2.59, the truck carrying hook-and-ladder rescue squads showed up, together with the "incident officer." By 3.00, the fire-engine crew was packing up the houses and making ready to leave.

The sole ambulance on duty for victims of the attack was kept running back and forth till after 3.30, but it was obvious that, given two more cars for the wounded, the situation would have been brought entirely under control within half-an-hour of the alarm.

A night drill was also staged for the weary wardens in the evening at 7.30.

Haifa Ready For Haga Manoeuvres

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The regional Haga civil defence exercise started this morning with the mobilization of thousands of wardens. All positions and emplacements were manned early and equipment was supplied to the different units.

The turn-out of the men and women was excellent, and most of the vehicles to be commandeered for the manoeuvre were also brought in on time.

The medical and fire-fighting services completed their final preparations. Casualty centres and hospital wards were made ready and first aid kits were distributed.

The "real" manoeuvre, in which every citizen will be called on to play his part, will start tomorrow morning and will last through the night.

Air-raid warnings will be sounded with sirens blowing the "real thing" alarm, three-minute oscillating blasts, with a three-minute continuous blast for the all-clear signal. Dozens of incidents will be staged during the day and night. Casualties will be evacuated and damaged houses will be "demolished." Loud explosions will be heard in the town and the Bayside suburbs, and Air Force planes will appear as "enemy" bombers.

Civilian and Army personnel from various parts of the country will watch the exercise.

Mordechai Narkiss

An Appreciation

Many years ago, or more precisely, when I was eight years old and aboard a small Mediterranean ship headed for Jaffa, I met an enthusiastic young man and his wife. His bright smile, and joy of living, and his faith in the future were so strong that an indelible impression was made on the eight-year-old. The couple was Mordechai Narkiss and Nasiya his wife. The amazing coincidence was that they were headed for "Bezalel," my father's school, where Mordechai was to become an art student. In fact, for their first few months here they lived with us.

In order to earn a few more piastres Mordechai started to teach Hebrew soon after landing, and he was an excellent teacher indeed.

From the beginning of his stay at the Bezalel Art School Narkiss showed a remarkable talent for art history, for the trends and movements in the development of art and the men who made them, with a special interest in Judaic art. It did not surprise me at all that in that field he became the world's foremost expert, for in him eager appreciation and natural talent were combined with knowledge and study. The time itself, the late twenties, was a hard one indeed, bitter years of hardship and struggle. Narkiss became my father's right hand man at the Museum.

Constant Struggle

When constant struggle, forlorn or abandoned hopes and murderous fatigue finally took the life of Boris Schatz, Narkiss was there to take over, and I believe that he performed nothing short of a miracle in the long years of his directorship. It did not matter to him whether his three-pound monthly salary was paid or not, for the Museum was part of his very being; it was not unusual for him to work 18 hours a day. Nor was I surprised to learn that he was arranging the Museum's exhibits through his assistants from his death bed.

In the world at large two plus two equals four but in Israel it must total up to a greater sum, and the cost is paid in human effort and sacrifice. It was this great effort that made the impossible possible and assembled for the Museum its wealth of treasures. What a tragedy it is that 90 per cent of the collection has to be stored for lack of space. Mordechai's voice echoed through that of Nasiya speaking at the funeral yesterday, when she said "the building that could exhibit everything is what he wanted above all, and it should come into being..."

And as many whispered at the funeral, "What now? There is no one now to re-place him..." Unfortunate, but true.

BEZALEL SCHATZ

Negev Professionals Schedule First Meeting

BEERSHEBA, Tuesday. — Negev professionals will meet to discuss their problems in a conference to be held on Thursday and Friday in Beersheba. Three hundred persons have been invited to the meeting, among them physicians, engineers, chemists, teachers, writers and technicians, and including 50 members of Negev settlements.

The conference, the first such to be held, was conceived by Dr. Haim Doron, Kupat Holim doctor in Beersheba, and Mr. Simha Blass, head of the Professional Workers Department of the Histadrut Executive. It was called under the auspices of Mr. Blass' department and the Beersheba Labour Council. Mr. M. Bentov, Minister of Development, is expected to participate.

The problems to be discussed will include the isolation of Negev professionals and the availability of information on technical developments. In addition, the absorption of more professionals in the Negev, and assistance to them, is on the agenda.

The conference is considered only a first step, it was understood. One of its tasks will be to establish a committee which will maintain contact with the various ministries and other institutions connected with Negev development.

HALEVY

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in the witness box. After being sworn in, he was questioned by Mr. Max Kritzman, who had called him to ascertain the contents of the conversation.

The Chief-of-Staff said that he had met Judge Halevi at the Sharon Hotel a few days ago. He had invited the judge to come there.

Sgan-Aluf Colin Gillon (for the prosecution): Tell us in general terms the contents of the conversation.

Rav-Aluf Dayan: It centred on whether to hold the trial *in camera*. The Commanding Officer of any Command may order the public to be banned before the trial begins. But after it begins, only the Presiding Judge may close it. I wanted to find out if Aluf-Mishne Halevi knew which subjects should be heard *in camera*.

SGAN-ALUF GILLON: Did you discuss other things.

RAV-ALUF DAYAN: Where the trial should be held.

SGAN-ALUF GILLON: Was there any discussion on the background of this trial?

RAV-ALUF DAYAN: We talked about open and closed sessions. I pointed out which subjects must be heard in camera.

SGAN-ALUF GILLON: Did you speak about the trial?

RAV-ALUF DAYAN: No.

SGAN-ALUF GILLON: Did you try, in any way whatsoever, to influence the judge?

RAV-ALUF DAYAN: How could I influence him? We discussed holding an open or closed trial.

Mr. Kritzman, rising to re-examine the witness asked whether the name of (Aluf-Mishne) Yitzhak Shadmi had been mentioned.

Rav-Aluf Dayan: No.

The Chief-of-Staff added that he was ready to disclose *in camera* the specific security subjects discussed.

Neither Sgan-Aluf Gillon nor Mr. Kritzman thought this necessary.

After Rav-Aluf Dayan left, Mr. Kritzman reiterated his statement that the conversation in itself was enough to disqualify Aluf-Mishne Halevi. All that was needed was "suspicion" that one side might be favoured.

Turning to Aluf-Mishne Halevi, Mr. Kritzman said he would rest his case, and he called upon the judge's "conscience to decide if someone else should be appointed in his place." The court recessed to deliberate on his request.

During the recess, the prisoners, who have been given the freedom of the court area, moved freely about, chatting with their families or friends, or making small purchases at the mobile canteen that has been set up in the courtyard.

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Shitreet Against Opening Of IRSO and Police Files

By SHALOM COHEN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The Minister of Police, Mr. Behor Shitreet notified the Court today that he opposed the disclosure of the IRSO police files and the personal files of Mr. Y. Yarkoni and Mr. Amos Ben-Gurion. In keeping with a Supreme Court ruling, the bench is to examine the files tomorrow morning and will decide whether they can be produced in open court.

The Supreme Court had overruled a previous decision of the District Court judges which had granted immunity to the files at the request of Mr. Y. W. Sahar, Inspector General of Police. It ruled that the opinion of the Minister had first to be sought, but that the final decision rests with the bench.

Amos Ben-Gurion, Police Deputy Inspector General, is suing four members of Shurat Hamitnadvim for libel. While the defendants have denied the charges that they insinuated in a booklet that he, Amos Ben-Gurion, had been responsible for closing a police file on the IRSO transaction, they are trying to prove that the transaction was illegal, and that an investigation of it was dropped because it involved the plaintiff's friend Mr. Yarkoni.

The Minister, Mr. Behor Shitreet, said that in the interests of the public and the State, the files or any part of them should not be disclosed. In his letter to the Court, read out by Presiding Judge Zeltner, he said that he had carefully read the contents and gave five reasons why the IRSO files should remain secret. The investigation of the transaction had not yet been completed; no clear guilt had yet been established against any persons; they contain secret sources of information; they include material of several Ministries; the disclosure of the transactions was liable to affect foreign economic relations.

As to the personal file on Mr. A. Ben-Gurion, the Minister stated that though he had no reason to oppose the disclosure of this particular file, he did so on grounds of principle. Police files on its members contain confidential observations by their superiors, and personal data.

The Minister said that the Head of the Criminal Investigation Department, Selinger, could appear in court to represent him for further elaboration of his views.

After the letter was read out, Mr. Shmuel Tamir, defending counsel, asked the bench to invite the Minister himself to appear. The bench decided to consult with Mr. Selinger in chambers tomorrow morning, after which it would make a further announcement.

Heruti Remanded 15 Days Longer

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Yaacov Heruti, the advocate suspected of being connected with the terrorist organization that planned Dr. Israel Kastner's murder, was remanded for a second spell of 15 days by Magistrate M. Czernobilsky today.

Heruti, who is also suspected of possessing unlicensed arms, was detained on March 13.

Mr. Y. Goldenberg, the lawyer representing Heruti, objected to the police request to detain his client for another 15 days. He said he doubted if the police had real grounds for suspecting Heruti, and he did not think the advocate's release would interfere with police investigations.

The police representative said investigations would be completed within 10 days, and the charge sheet would be handed to the court even before that.

Heruti told reporters that he was now well treated in prison, and he had no complaints.

Another suspect in the case, Abraham Rason, 22, was also detained for a further 15 days.

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The American Scene — By Patrick O'Donovan

Teamster Bosses at Bay

PRACTICALLY every American who has read a headline or can switch on a television set is now taking a slightly malicious pleasure in the investigation of the Teamsters Union. They have not had such a show since Senator Estes Kefauver went round the country with a battalion of attendant cameras investigating the big city gamblers and racketeers and catching such splendid fish as an ex-mayor of New York in his net.

Now again there is the spectacle of mayors squirming in the witness chair, accusations of bribery and intimidation, the sight of rigidly respectable and veiled "madams" announcing the sums they paid the police or to the union—a long and slightly old-fashioned procession of pompous men caught with their hands in the till.

Nor is there discernible any particular sign that the bosses are getting their own back on labour. The American trades unions are not synonymous with the working class. Only in a few cities like Detroit do they command the general loyalty of workers in the emotional way that is known in Europe and elsewhere. They tend to be run by professionals whose business is unionism. If they concern themselves with national or international politics, it is in a manner as hard and as calculated as that of the most cynical Senator. They have all but lost their radical appeal. Little more is expected of them than that they keep wages abreast of the cost of living. Otherwise most Americans regard them—and with reason, as just another power bloc, no nobler and hardly any poorer, than General Motors.

For their wealth is enormous. In Washington today the finest new buildings by far are the headquarters of the unions. They are finding it convenient now to centralize and move into the seat of power. And so the glass and marble and mosaic towers are rising more splendid than the new apartment houses, outglittering the solid Government offices and making the new State Department look all but squalid.

But this does not cause resentment. The Americans do not hate the rich, they want to be like them, and in many ways it is a healthy way of thinking. The American taxi driver cannot see why his union boss should not have it as good as the boss of General Motors. The Teamsters' Palace is a joke in Washington, but it is one that is generally enjoyed.

The Budget

LIFE gets no easier for the President. He has barely emerged from the Middle East crisis, and is still surrounded by dutiful and sincere solicitude for the sore throat he acquired weeks ago during his Inauguration, when, clearly, a new major fight is looming in this far from docile Congress.

This time the fight will be over his Budget. This will be presented in August, when his Budget Bureau must present a new set of estimates for the fiscal year of 1958. Already in January, the President had estimated his spending at $71,800m. Although Congress will occupy a great deal of its time between now and August in passionate appeal for economy, and in the fetching up of old election promises, there is very little they can do in practice about it—except prepare their political position for the next election.

But already criticism of the President's estimates has been stronger than anything known in this country over the last five years. Yet only 42 per cent of the President's total can be changed by Congress under law—the rest is already committed by existing legislation. And even this is not easily cut, because it includes the pay and ordinary maintenance of the armed forces, the pay of the Government employees and the cost of public works projects already in hand. It also includes the relatively small sum of $215m. for the new welfare programme asked for by the President which includes some very necessary help for American education.

By August many things are likely to have happened to the President's January estimates. The cost of living will have risen a little and with it probably some industrial prices. There will be new demands for foreign aid, new demands for old age pensions, new demands for farm assistance. Congress will be doing well if it can lop off from two to four billion dollars, and that will take considerable determination on the part of Congress.

This relative powerlessness is not going to please the elected members, hungry for popular vote-catching. It means that the once remote and monarchical President will be dragged further and further down into the political arena—a place he detests.

VISITOR'S GALLERY — Dutch Councillor

FOR one of the members of the Dutch Labour delegation which arrived on Thursday for a fortnight's visit, last week was a particularly busy one.

Before leaving, in addition to packing his suitcases, Dr. B. H. Sajet had to "undergo" being the guest of honour at a very crowded public reception given in Amsterdam on the occasion of his 70th birthday and attended, along with the 45 members of the Municipal Council of which he has been the dean for a number of years, by the Netherlands Minister for Social Affairs, other prominent Labour Party figures and many Amsterdam physicians as well as the Chief Rabbi of the city and representatives of Zionist and other Jewish organizations.

Cables were received, among others, from Princess Wilhelmina, Prime Minister Drees and the Israel Consul, Mr. R. G. Ginthon; and Dr. Sajet was presented with a certificate of his inscription in the J.N.F. Golden Book—he had stated explicitly that he wanted nothing for himself.

Years of Service

Listened to with respect by friends and opponents alike, Dr. Sajet has sat for the Labour Party in the Amsterdam Municipal Council for 34 years and in the Provincial States of North Holland for nearly 28. Although at first sight he makes a very modest and almost shy impression, he is a fighter par excellence, especially for the underprivileged. He has taken a special interest in public health and socio-medical problems and been particularly active in the struggle against tuberculosis. In his political activities, he shows great courage as well as a dogged tenacity, although he makes sure never to hurt his opponents personally, having himself gone through more than his share of sorrow.

In June, 1941, Dr. Sajet crossed to England in a rowboat together with his two sons, both of whom have died since. Though long past call-up age, he served as a doctor in the Navy until his country's liberation, resuming his Municipal Council seat in 1946. Two years later, at the age of 61, he went to Israel and did whatever was in his power to help the young State in its struggle for survival, remaining a most loyal supporter of it ever since.

Dr. Sajet will doubtless be particularly interested in the new Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical Centre going up at Ein Karem. He has been one of the most tenacious supporters of the project of a new hospital centre for Amsterdam, where one has been overdue for the past 25 years, although the idea has now been rejected by the Municipal Council, a majority of which has pronounced itself satisfied with reconverting an old hospital in the centre of town.

HENRIETTE BOAS

Readers' Letters

JOB EVALUATION

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The outmoded concept of former years — that all work was of equal value and importance — is rapidly approaching extinction and in Israel, today, most enterprises recognize that a manager is worth more than a floor sweeper or gate keeper and the former, therefore, rightly and properly earns more than those under him.

At least two large industrial enterprises have already introduced a system of Job Evaluation, under which the relative worth and importance of each job is fixed according to a scientific method. This system has met with considerable success and, at the present time, plans are being made for its possible extension to other enterprises and institutions. The results of one of the Job Evaluation systems found a differential of five to one in the basic monthly salaries between the highest and lowest jobs in the enterprise.

So far, so good — for each person in an organization is thus equitably rewarded for the functions he performs, but now the relative balance is being upset by the application of the official cost of living allowances, between which there is a very small difference, and when income and defence tax deductions are made, it is seen that the original five to one differential has been reduced to less than two to one.

It becomes obvious, therefore, that despite the introduction of proper Job Evaluation, the end result is that the high and the low grade employees are very much back in the same position they were years ago. All praise is due to those who are spearheading the drive for the wider application of Job Evaluation, but if the results are to achieve their fullest potential, then an early and drastic revision of Israel's cost of living and taxation concepts must be introduced, to complement the "job worth" principle and to pave the way for a more dynamic industrial economy.

Yours, etc.

"FOREIGN EXPERT"

(Name and Address Supplied)

Haifa, March 14.

DIESEL BUSES

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — A few years ago, Hamekasher put into urban service a number of Diesel-motored buses which not only emit the most nauseating fumes but drive through Jerusalem's dwelling areas with an incredibly ear-splitting and deafening roar from early in the morning until late at night.

At one time, we succeeded in convincing the authorities to restrict the use of these vehicles to inter-urban service only, but Hamekasher, defying all orders, has been continuing its health undermining practice, undisturbed and with intolerable sanctimony.

In response to an urgent letter to Mr. Amicam, the chief of Jerusalem's traffic police, we received a short notice stating that he knows of no law that would prohibit Hamekasher from using these buses. We thereupon brought the case before Mr. L. Abrahami, Jerusalem Police Superintendent, asking for his protection and citing the law in question, including the number, date and clause of the relevant Official Gazette. The police replied that they knew of the noise, but it couldn't be helped as the law speaks only of noise produced by negligence and not by the buses' construction.

The fact is that not all Diesels produce such fumes or roars, and that the situation could be alleviated through the application by the authorities of a sense of consideration for the detrimental consequences to the health, nerves and business and private lives of the sufferers from this state of affairs. We do not intend to rest content with the attitude of the authorities.

Yours, etc.,

E.S.

(Name and Address Supplied)

Jerusalem, March 13.

ADLOYADA BAND

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The members of the Fife and Drummer band of the Weizmann School of Nahariya range in age from eight to 13 years, and not, as your report of today's Tel Aviv Adloyada Parade stated, four to five years. Yours, etc.

ESTHER HIRSCHFELD
ARIEH ZIMMERING
Teachers of the Band

Nahariya, March 19.

PEN FRIENDS

RHATIA AZUN HORIDAS, 18, of 75/3 "Vijay Bhuyan," 3rd floor, Modi Street, Fort, Bombay 1, India, is looking for pen friends in Israel. His hobbies are collecting stamps and coins; penfriendship, photography.

PEDRO T. KUBOYAMA, Caixa Postal 146, Av. Bandeirante, 697, Promissao, N.O.B. Est. Sao Paulo, Brazil, is a 19-year-old Brazilian student who would like to correspond with students from Israel. His hobbies are stamps, music, literature and sports.

Tiran Blockade Not Yet Settled

ONE swallow does not make summer, **Hatzofe** (World Mizrahi) is careful in pointing out in its enthusiastic welcome of the Brigitte Toft, the first ship to enter Eilat since the Israel forces withdrew from Sharm e-Sheikh. The fact that it came through unmolested does not prove that all will be well from now on, for it is quite possible that Nasser is biding his time for an opportune moment to strike; again, it must be remembered that the craft was not sailing under the Israel flag. The real test will come when an Israel ship comes sailing through—under its own flag—and it were best for all concerned that it came through without obstruction.

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) says that the world's nations must now understand clearly the wrong done to Israel in the past by Nasser's sealing the Port of Eilat through the exercise of piracy and aggression. Our forces have pried open these sealed straits and many of the nations have undertaken to assist Israel's right to free navigation by plying their trade through this international waterway. Yet we must not labour under the illusion that everything is already as it should be, for Nasser still insists that he is at war with us while Saudia has also undertaken to hinder our shipping. Continuous free navigation through these waters will test the ability of a sovereign nation to exercise its rights.

Omer (Histadrut) clearly sees the need for the levy of additional taxes and explains that numerous claims must be met if the country is to carry on. Security, develop-

Yesterday's Press

ment, immigration and day-to-day existence call for their due and the Israel citizen should remember that Jewry abroad is also being asked to help. But if we call upon aid from abroad, we must be sure that we ourselves have done everything possible to meet the situation. As far as the rest of Jewry is concerned, Israel is a sort of "insurance policy" for its future, since no one can know whence, when or who will be knocking on the gates of Israel for admittance.

Davar (Histadrut) explains the rise in the foreign currency budget and says that in view of the increased outlay brought about by the Sinai campaign and the expenditure the new wave of immigration is bound to incur, resumed American aid will be most welcome. But, and it is a significant but, while accepting this aid with due appreciation, the people will resolve to use it for purposes of development to the extent of so improving our economic position that we can forgo that aid in the nearest possible future. Economic independence is the aim toward which we must direct the best of our powers.

Ha'aretz (non-party) writes that our Government is perpetually living under the shadow of "fear of the index" and must resort to patchwork operations so as to present a stable facade concealing the "total collapse" of our present-day economy.

The Government has displayed a clear inability to combat those inflationary tendencies over which it has some control, such as matters relating to salaries and cost of living allowances. Instead of that, it is trying to do the impossible—absorb a mass of new immigrants into an ever-contracting economy and preventing the rising cost of living by the application of subsidies for which the budget does not provide.

It is easy to foresee that after one or two attempts the Government will fail to surmount the difficulties and its advisers will advocate a return to the unfortunate 1950-51 rationing and control period, i.e. dictating economy from above. It had better take suitable measures now. Time is running out.

The failure of Mr. Hammarskjold, who has not even taken the trouble to sugar the pill, is a harbinger of bad tidings, according to **Herut**. Pressure for further Israel concessions will now increase from day to day and the present Government, which bowed so easily to earlier pressures, will not be able to stand up to the new drive. There is no hope of countering this pressure unless the Government resigns.

At the Cinema

"THE Shrike" or butcher bird has the charming habit of impaling its victims on thorns and the film at the Mograbi in Tel Aviv is so named because the chief female character uses a similar method on her theatrical producer husband with the result that he so loses self-confidence as to attempt suicide.

This is a depressing but not uninteresting picture. As Jim Downs, José Ferrer, who also directed the film, gives a most convincing performance; but pretty June Allyson never seems quite real as the wife and the implied happy ending does not ring true. There are some gripping scenes in the state mental hospital where Jim is sent, and one is left with the feeling that even the most robust of natures would be likely to succumb there.

"CASANOVA'S Big Night" (Tchelet, Tel Aviv) presents Bob Hope as a tailor's embroiderer who passes himself off as the irresistible Casanova and finds himself involved in a number of comically embarrassing situations. The picture will probably bring tears of laughter to the eyes of the Bob Hope fans, and even the others will find the fa[illegible] has allowed begging

MUSICAL DIARY

Eighth Chamber Music Concert of the Jerusalem Chamber Music Society and Musicians Association. Alfred Schroeder, piano; Thelma Yellin, cello. (Beit Hillel, March 23). All-Beethoven Programme: Piano Sonatas op. 28 and 111; Sonata for Cello and Piano, op. 69.

THIS event bore a special significance. Alfred Schroeder has just completed his 70th year and — though in his typical modesty he had not publicized this jubilee — the audience which attended in even greater numbers than normally squeezed into the Hall for these concerts, turned the recital into a tribute to the beloved pianist and teacher, but above all to the musician who has served music for a lifetime and has done all in his power to pass on to the next generation the great inheritance of *l'art pour l'art*.

This attitude is getting out a vogue rapidly and it is the more pleasing that we are privileged to have Professor Schroeder amongst us as living model of sincerity and selfless devotion, unconcerned with outward success or recognition, titles or honours, living a full life in his music.

It was surely not by accident that Professor Schroeder ended his recital with Beethoven's Op. 111. The coda received a most moving interpretation at his sensitive hands. It was full of resignation, summing up the creations of a great soul at peace with evrything, of a man who has reached the beyond of good and evil and, in his wise humility, is hardly human any more. The few seconds' dead silence after the last tone had gone from the room were a greater tribute to the personality of Alfred Schroeder than applause can ever express.

Thelma Yellin appeared for once as soloist at long last, teaming up with the pianist in the beautiful A-major Sonata. Her tone, dynamic shades and her phrasing were — as always — beyond reproach and it must be regretted that she participated in one part of the programme only. She should compensate the faithful music lovers at Beit Hillel by giving a whole evening on her own. Her musical gifts create moments of blissful enjoyment which she should not be allowed to keep back from listeners thirsting after beauty and artistic perfection.

"On behalf of Israel Music through Europe." Conductor Heinz Freudenthal on his concert and lecture tours (Be'eri Club, March 25).

SINCE his first visit to Israel six years ago when he conducted the I.P.O. in several subscription series and special concerts, Heinz Freudenthal has returned to our country every season for ever longer periods, conducting the Philharmonic, the Haifa and the Kibbutz Hameuhad orchestras, and especially the Kol Yisrael Orchestra, where his pedagogic qualities in particular are being put to good use. Abroad, he goes on extensive lecture and conducting tours devoted to Israel music.

The lecture gave the audience a glimpse of the reaction of the European public to Israel music, but also of the deplorable inadequacy of our information services abroad. Amusing details, serious and moving experiences, were all recounted in an easy and pleasant way.

After the lecturer had given some examples of interpretations of works by Ben Haim and Sternberg, a complete tape recording of Josef Tal's *opera concertante* "Saul at En Dor," performed by the NDR Hamburg recently, was played. The enthralled audience could enjoy a perfect performance with excellent singers and a marvellous orchestra, and the comparison with the well-known local recording of Michael Taube's valiant Ramat Gan premiere performance of the work shows up the regrettable difference in quality with which our composers here so often had to put up.

Y. BOEHM

Haifa Chamber Music Society: Salzman, piano; Haftel, violin; Hofmekler, cello (Beit Harofe, March 23). Beethoven Trio in B-flat major, op. 97 ("Archduke"); Beethoven: Variations in G-major on the song: "Ich bin der Schneider Kakadu," op. 121 a; Brahms: Trio in C-minor, op. 101.

THE evening was under no lucky star. The artists' reading of Beethoven's works was indifferent. The pianist tried hard several times to create the necessary spell but was met by the strings' iron resistance. Only the Brahms was played with more "pep" and coordination.

G.W.-B.

THE season's Youth Concerts of the Haifa Symphony Orchestra closed at the May Hall on Friday noon with a concert in which the Haifa Chamber Choir participated in a Mendelssohn Cantata. Miss Hana Liever was the soloist accompanied by a piano instead of the orchestra.

The choir then sang parts of Carissimi's "Daughter of Jephtha." Mozart's E-flat major concerto was sensitively played by a teen-ager, Niva Shashina, a pupil of Mrs. Jaschuwi, one of our country's pioneer musicians. The concerto is not among the easiest in musical literature, and the gifted young girl could have done a better job yet had it not been for the incessant noise in the hall. It was regrettable that there were not enough teachers or ushers in the hall to keep the children quiet.

In another concert in the series, which is always accompanied by an explanatory talk, Vivaldi's concerto for four violins was played by four pupils of Mr. Rotenberg (Segal, Luka, Fishel and Wald), and the rest of the bill included Mozart's Wind Serenade and Cacci's "Cuckoo."

Another concert was dedicated to the music of all countries, with Purcell's "Fairy Queen," Schubert's "Deutsche Tänze" and Barat's Concert for trumpet. In this last work the soloist was 12-year-old Ariella Chibowski, who has lately won a scholarship from the America-Israel Cultural Foundation. The programme also included Avidom's "Folk Symphony" and Karel Salomon's "Youth Symphony."

In Memoriam: Mordechai Narkiss

TEMPLE in the DESERT

By KURT GRUNWALD



The late Mordechai Narkiss
Photo by Bernheim

AT the Basle Zionist Congress in 1905, Theodor Herzl was approached by a young artist, Boris Schatz, with the idea of a School of Fine Arts in Palestine. Boris Schatz was still unknown in Zionist circles at that time although he had been appointed Court Artist in Bulgaria. "My dear man," replied Herzl, "for whom such a school? Palestine is still a desert!", to which Schatz replied "Bezalel built a temple in the desert." This visionary enthusiasm deeply moved Herzl, and he repeated to himself "A temple in the desert, a temple in the desert."

In 1906, the Bezalel School opened its doors under the direction of Boris Schatz and, after an interruption following his death, again reached a high level under the guidance of such renowned artists as Budko, Ardon and Steinhardt.

Appendix to School

Schatz laid the foundation for a museum as an appendix to the School by obtaining gifts, largely of objects of Jewish art or by Jewish artists, Mordechai Narkiss, who died in Jerusalem yesterday and had been Schatz' collaborator since 1920, took over these modest collections which became the nucleus of the Bezalel National Museum in 1926.

When an exhibition of "Persian Pottery, 1500 BC — 1500 AD" was opened at the Bezalel Museum on October 13, 1956, even the hard-boiled Jerusalemites were startled to hear from a visiting American orientalist, Karl Katz, Associate Curator of the Metropolitan Museum, that the pieces exhibited probably formed one of the ten outstanding collections in the world, a collection which the Metropolitan would be proud to possess. But this is only one of the many outstanding collections which were acquired by the "Bezalel" over the past 30 years under the direction of Narkiss.

The emphasis gradually shifted from "Jewish art and artists" to "good art." Narkiss knew very well that only a good collection of art in all its ramifications could help to stimulate the growth of creative art in Israel.

Having been interested in art almost from the day he was born and with an uncanny "flair" and instinct for "good art," Narkiss enjoyed the advantage of both the traditional education of the Yeshiva and the studies in the history of art at the Universities of Cracow and Vienna. With this background and a persuasive personality Narkiss succeeded, in the course of the past 30 years, in building a museum whose collections compare favourably with many another well-known gallery abroad.

Valuable Collections

The "Bezalel" now houses a valuable archaeological collection of "ancient applied Art"; Jewish Art through the ages and centres of the Dispersal; collections of African and Central American art. Its galleries include paintings of Italian, Dutch and French masters of the 16th and 17th century, as well as rich collections of contemporary art. All the great names of the French school are represented here, as well as the modern Americans (Schulman collection), Canadian (Joseph collection) and Italians. Special attention is given to the collection of Israel artists.

In the Print Department, which is particularly rich, Rembrandt and his school (Van Vriesland collection) take pride of place. In the collection of illuminated manuscripts, the "Yahuda" and "Bezalel" Hagadot (15th and 13th c.) and Rothschild Manuscript XXIV (about 1470), the most beautiful Italian Hebrew manuscript in the world, are outstanding. Near Eastern (Persian pottery) and Far Eastern art (Chinese pottery, Japanese prints) are not neglected either.

French, English, Yugoslav and Israel sculptors are represented at the Bezalel by outstanding specimens. Worth mentioning also is the numismatic collection of more than 25,000 coins (from the period of the beginning of coinage until the end of Byzantine times, including an especially important collection of Jewish coins).

The art library of over 20,000 volumes is probably the largest in this part of the world.

But the Museum does not confine itself to waiting for visitors to come to it. Its extension work is carried on by 60 travelling exhibitions (Sonneborn Fund), each containing 30 frames, devoted to individual artists or art subjects, which circulate at schools, kibbutzim and hospitals.

'New' Works

More collections are on the way here, amongst them an important one of North African Jewish art. Many "human interest stories" are connected with these collections. And many stories can be told of the day-to-day life of the Museum. A rather significant experience was when, during the War of Independence, two mud-covered soldiers came to the Museum to borrow a travelling exhibition of Rembrandt for their "fortress." This shows that the Museum means to Israel youth. It is quite an experience, too, to see youngsters from all corners of the world crowding the library hall on Saturday morning.

All this has been done against unbelievable odds. The funds which the Museum has at its disposal are barely sufficient to cover current expenses. Unique opportunities of acquiring rare art objects at bargain prices always pose the problem of finding a patron. But the most urgent problem is that of space. The present building, a landmark of Old Jerusalem, is utterly insufficient, making it impossible to show at any one time more than about five per cent of the Museum's treasures, conservatively estimated at $5m.

It is to be hoped that on the occasion of its 50th jubilee the Bezalel will be given a home worthy of its treasures and its mission: a temple, no longer in the desert, but in the heart of Jerusalem, the capital of the Jewish people whom it serves so well.

Mordechai Narkiss passed away just as this hope seemed to be approaching realization. Like Moses, it was only from the distance, from the Height of Vision, that he saw the Promised Land for which he had toiled so hard.

Cairo Paper: Nile Valley Miserable

A RARE picture of the real social situation in the Nile Valley over four and a half years after the revolt of the Egyptian junta which was to carry out a complete social revolution, was drawn last week in Cairo's largest circulation illustrated weekly, "Al Mussawar."

Under the headline "Let us Tell the Truth," an unsigned article charged the ruling junta with having done next to nothing to pull Egypt up from barbarism, "because laws alone mean nothing as long as they are not enforced properly." The main points dealt with in detail by the Cairo weekly are illiteracy, begging, crime and prostitution.

"Thirty-three years have gone by," writes "Al Mussawar," "since Egypt passed its compulsory education law; almost five years have passed since this law was re-affirmed by the Egyptian revolution, and what are the results today? Well over 70 per cent of our people are still illiterate... to this very day over 18 million Egyptians cannot distinguish between the Alif and the Ba."

"Al Mussawar" deplores Egypt's lagging in this respect so far behind Arab countries with smaller means: "Lebanon celebrated the disappearance of her last illiterate citizen five years ago, and this at a time we have [illegible] university students!" [illegible] has allowed begging but "there are entire quarters in Cairo where the number of beggars exceeds that of those who give alms," writes the author, adding that the only occupation of thousands upon thousands of the city's residents is begging.

Arms for Asking

"We have a law prohibiting the carrying of unlicensed arms in Egypt but does this law really exist in practice?" "Al Mussawar" asks. Every *fellah* in the country has at least one rifle or pistol if not more, and armed gangs kill and plunder ceaselessly in Egypt's rural areas. One full page has become insufficient for reporting the crimes committed in one day and most newspapers are already devoting two pages to the stories. Egypt has become a country with one of the highest crime rates in the entire world, the Cairo weekly adds.

There is an anti-prostitution law in the Nile Valley, too, the report goes on, but along with the others, it is not enforced. There is hardly a street in Cairo in which streetwalkers do not solicit openly every night, and there is no night-club where hundreds of bottles of champagne are not consumed every evening by prostitutes and their clients.

"Ban prostitution or make it legal, but stop this mockery of the law and every law," "Al Mussawar" concludes.

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